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Fears of a Disastrous Flood at Des Moines.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

VISITING THE RUINS.

WASHINGTON, Iowa, May 25.—The tornado of Thursday afternoon has almost depopulated Washington to-day. Every team in the city is in service, and nearly two-thirds of the 3,500 people who live here have gone to view the scene of destruction in this county. The majority were unable to obtain any conveyance, so they walked out in squads. The distance is only five miles to the nearest point where evidences of the storm can be seen. This is nothing in the eyes of the men and women here, the mile being somewhat shorter than those in Virginia. Three-quarters of an hour was required to reach

THE FIRST RUINS,

and the journey would, not have been unpleasant had not the sun's rays been so hot. The sky was clear all day, the storm last evening having disappeared about midnight, and all who walked out expressed themselves as well repaid for the fatigue. Those who suffered loss of property, or whose families were lessened or laid up on an invalid's bed, were known to everybody in the community, and hence all were anxious to gratify their curiosity so far as the farms and improvements were concerned, and to speak words of comfort and sympathy to the wounded.

THE CHURCHES.

This is a religious city in every sense of the word, and consequently everything runs smoothly. There are twelve sectarian organizations, and twelve churches,—two United Presbyterian, one Covenanter, a Baptist, a Seceder, a Congregationalist, a Methodist, one for United Brethren, African Methodist, and a Catholic. The Church of God have an organization, but no minister. There are also a few Second Adventists, but they do not meet regularly. The only denominations not represented are the Unitarians, Episcopalians, and Universalists. As there is now one church to every 250 men, women, and children, it is doubtful if the three latter enter this well-cultivated vineyard. All the pastors to-day feelingly referred to the calamity, not looking upon it as a visitation of God for sins, for that would be absurd in such a bright community, but as an evidence of His mighty power, and an admonition that the goods to be accumulated in this world are unstable and perishable. Sympathy was expressed for the afflicted families, and the statement made that the dead, if they had lived a just life, were beyond the reach of tornadoes and windy disturbances.

STATEMENT OF JOHN WISEMAN.

The dispatch sent last night from here covered the whole ground of the cyclone in this county, but it was so long as to prevent the telegraphing of several interviews with intelligent persons who are familiar with the ground and have special advantages for giving information. I had a long conversation with John Wiseman, editor of the Washington *Gazette*, on Saturday morning, and learned many interesting facts from him. His statement is subjoined: The storm commenced about 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, somewhere in Keokuk County, the exact location being impossible to ascertain, but it was probably a few miles west of Lancaster. That town was almost entirely destroyed. There were about twenty houses within its limits, and the inhabitants numbered 150. The cyclone, tornado, hurricane, whirlwind, or whatever you choose to call it, was the strongest blow ever experienced in this Western country. It came on in a northeast direction, passing north of Talleyrand, and about three miles south of Kiota, through the German settlement, destroying a vast amount of property, farmhouses, barns, granaries, sheds, corncribs, and fences, and carrying off cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, turkeys, and geese, and everything that came within reach. When it struck the Washington County line the tornado seemed to have raised and jumped a territory about ten miles long. Touching the ground again, it caught up everything in its path. It alighted first at Frank Brown's, six miles northwest of Washington. It remained on the ground for six or eight miles, passing up to the Highland Township line, where it lifted again, coming down in Midland Township, but not doing any considerable damage. In that township, the storm must have exhausted itself, as we have no news of any destruction of property beyond there. North of Washington, the buildings on the farms of Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Gilchrist, Henry Walters, J. C. Cunningham, Thomas Walters, J. P. Babcock, Jacob Zeck, Mr. Garringer, Mr. Kerr, and of several others were totally destroyed. Mrs. Henry Walters was killed almost instantly, and one of her twin children, which was found in her arms, died the next day. The school when that building was blown down, and they were seriously hurt. The remaining twin was in the house when that was blown away, but he escaped injury, although found in the yard. Mr. Gibson had a very fine barn, probably the best in the county, demolished. Mr. Babcock's residence, the most substantial in the neighborhood, was reduced to splinters. A part of it was carried a mile away and dumped into a slough. Mr. Zeck's house was lifted from the foundations into the air and broken up, the fragments being scattered like chaff. The dwelling of Mr. Davidson, who lived near Jackson township, was struck and thrown down. He was killed, and a hired hand named Housel was so badly cut up that he died in a few hours. In nearly all the houses I have mentioned some one was maimed or killed. The Huddleford school-house was destroyed. It was located near Thomas Walters' house, fronting the roadway. The school was in session, and the teacher and nearly all the scholars were bruised, half a dozen of them badly injured, three of whom are not expected to live. A daughter of Henry Bohmel, who was in the school-house, was carried about a quarter of a mile and crushed almost to a jelly. There was apparently not a whole bone in her body. It is a wonder that all the children were not killed. The force of the storm was terrific, the ground looking as if an immense flood had passed over it. As near as can be learned, the extent of the whirlwind was thirty miles long by a quarter of a mile wide, although it varied in some places a few rods in width. At some points it was only a few yards wide apparently, and then again it skipped large tracts, doing no harm whatever. Where it alighted, nothing could arrest its progress. A heavy iron cylinder was thrown half a mile, and cattle weighing over a thousand pounds were knocked about as if they were calves. The buildings were reduced to kindling-wood. Fence-posts were torn out of the ground, and for thousands of acres there is no distinguishing line between the fields, the water having obliterated almost all traces of the fences. Many of the flying timbers were so deeply imbedded in the soil that they cannot be removed, and there are pieces of land so full of these sticks that they resemble the back of a porcupine, and it is doubtful if they can be cultivated until the wood decays. I have heard some farmers say that they would rather take a new piece of land than attempt to raise anything there. Boards were driven through cattle and hogs, and I heard that one sow was torn to pieces, and a litter of unborn pigs scattered around promiscuously. I have endeavored to estimate the loss to property, and my judgment is that it will be between $50,000 and $75,000. In Washington County, ten or eleven persons were killed outright or have died since, and the wounded probably number thirty. Some of them were so severely injured that they are not expected to live.

STATEMENT OF COL. BENJAMIN CRABB.

From Col. Benjamin Crabb I learned that Mr. Zeck's house was turned entirely around and somewhat twisted, though not rendered uninhabitable. Some timber he saw, probably weather-boarding and joists, looked as if it had been in a grinding machine, so fine were the particles. He observed a window-sash with the glass intact, one of which article procured during a trip over the pathway of the tempest. The walls and roof of the barn at Babcock's were lifted into the air, but the flooring remained standing. In one corner of it was a mowing-machine with one wheel gone. Why the whole of it was not taken cannot be accounted for; it was not fastened to the floor; yet wagons, corn-shellers, and the like were seized without trouble.

STATEMENT OF HORACE S. J. ABLE.

This morning I had a protracted conversation with Horace S. J. Able, who has lived in Iowa for thirty years. He knows everybody, and his occupation, proprietor of a stage-line, brings him in contact with people from all parts of the State. He is loquacious and well-informed, and probably knows as much about the ravages of the whirlwind as ten or twenty ordinary people. From him I obtained the following account of it: I was in the barn getting ready to go down to the 4 o'clock train, when I first heard a roaring of the storm. It came from the northeast. We waited half an hour to see what it would amount to, and then hitched up. When returning the wind commenced to blow, and a gale struck the wagon when we were on the north side of the town. A lady passenger got out there, and she was hurried around so that we could hardly get her in the house. The gust lasted only a minute or two. The sun was shining brightly at the time, and the roaring passed to the north. In the course of an hour reports came in from that direction that fearful damage had been done. When I went to the 6 o'clock train I met people from Sigourney, who had been in town which they had pleasure in at 7 o'clock. I measured one, and it was 9 inches in circumference. That was three hours after it had fallen. Reports continue to come in later from the north, and there was much excitement among the people. Oliver Broom was the first in, and every vehicle that could be secured was engaged, and hundreds of people went out to see what damage was done and attend to the wants of those who were said to be wounded. All the horses in town were engaged for to-day also, and nearly everybody in town has gone out in carriages or on foot. I could not find out where the storm started. The first we heard of it was eight miles west from here. According to all accounts, its course was a little north of east for about 8 miles, when it took a northwest course towards West Liberty, where it ended. Yesterday morning reports came in from Lancaster, 30 miles from here, in the forks of the Skunk River, that that town had been destroyed, all the buildings being swept away. After the storm left the vicinity of Washington, I first heard of it at Muscatine, where a great deal of rain fell, and the streets and cellars were flooded. Passengers who had been to Des Moines and Davenport say the horse-cars could not be run, the animals becoming ungovernable on account of the storm, and having to be tied up. That is as far east as the storm seems to have gone, although the latest eastern travelers tell me that Prairie City, in Illinois, was touched violently. Northeast of Washington a dozen farms were leveled of everything above the ground. A cook-stove belonging to Mr. Babcock was carried half a mile, and was not much badly damaged. Trees were torn out of the ground and reduced to kindling-wood; horses and cows were knocked down and killed, and pieces of flying boards were driven through the bodies of some them, fastening them to the earth. Carriages and wagons were demolished, and no remnants of them can be found anywhere on the farms of the owners. Nearly all of Gibson's stock was killed. He had six fat steers, which were sold to be delivered on Friday, and the butchers went out yesterday and brought their carcasses to town. Ten or a dozen people were killed and about twenty wounded. I have not seen any of them, and therefore cannot tell you about them. Forty hogs were killed on Cunningham's farm, and all the cattle on his place. His house was blown off the foundation, and the grain in his granary into the cellar. It would be a good place to start a mill now. One building in that neighborhood was turned around so that it faced contrary to what it did originally. It now stands on only a few feet of the cellar walls. A young man named Laughead, who was planting corn on his father's farm, heard the storm coming, and started for the house, leaving the planter in the field. When near the building the hurricane overtook him and he dropped flat in the road. The cloud jumped over him, but caught up the planter and carried it a great distance. The storm cloud did not cover a space of more than thirty or forty rods in width. A lady who came in from Kiota told me that she saw the storm with a great deal of interest, the people saw it bearing down on Keota, and she coming on then made up their minds that it was coming on them, although, taking a turn to the right when about three miles off. The damage to the county will be about $100,000. Mr. Babcock had $1,800 in notes which belonged on estate he is settling. They were blown away, as were $100 in greenbacks. Six feather-beds that were in Mrs. Cunningham's house cannot be found, nor can any traces of the chairs be discovered, except a few pieces which were picked up in a slough a quarter of a mile from the house. All the clothing and furniture who the houses was swept away, side to town to get saved their clothes Monday. A German who clean shirt Lancaster lost $3,000 in cash. The storm took it, but could not possibly have any use for it. A woman who lived near that town had her head blown off, and her body cut in two. They found portions of her body in several places. Gibson's house was built in the sections. They tried to close the doors before the wind reached it, but could not keep them shut. The cyclone struck the rear end of the house first, and turned it around, separating it from the front portion. Mrs. Mixon and her child were near the dividing line, and fell into the cellar. Two invalid children who had been put into a feather bed for security were found some distance from the building, the bed having been lifted up and carried there by the wind. They were almost smothered, being hidden from view by timber and hay piled up on top of them. Neither received a scratch. The corner of the corn-sheller was thrown a quarter of a mile. Babcock's family were not at home. They were at a neighbor's house which was not touched. His son and a hired man went into the cellar for protection, but they suddenly found themselves in a slough forty rods from the house, and say they cannot tell how they got there. I think they were frightened and ran into the slough without knowing it. I do not believe they were blown there. Most of the material carried away by the storm was dropped into the slough. Household utensils, corn, boards, cattle, sheep, and chickens were thrown into piles. Some of the corn-fields look as if hops were to be grown there. The storm moved forward in a zigzag way, sometimes northeast and sometimes northwest. It went within a few yards of some houses, and apparently changed its mind, going either to the right or left. Two men who were coming along the road saw three storm-clouds—a large one and two smaller ones—approaching, and they took refuge in the ditch, deserting their team. The largest cloud went to the right, and the other two on either side of them, but not near enough to affect them, though the roaring was very loud, and they were badly frightened. Every one that I talked with who had seen the big cloud said it was shaped like a balloon, and was as black as the blackest night. No one could see into it, but after it passed the remnants of buildings and barns marked its path. The whole force of the storm seemed to be concentrated in the clouds, because where it skipped for four or five miles no injury was done. I have lived in Iowa for thirty years, and never heard of such a storm before. We used to have, years ago, a great many gales, and sometimes hurricanes, but none of them equaled this last one. In 1842, there was a tornado in Jefferson County, which moved a swath in the forests for several miles, but no lives were lost, because very few people lived there. There was another storm years ago, which blew down a public school-house. The Camanche storm, about fourteen years ago, which went from there over into Illinois, was a big one, but it did not last long. I think this last one came into Washington County about ten miles from here. I have heard of it nine miles off. Some damage was done beyond, but it don't amount to much. The hail storm seemed to be distinct. Hail fell at Sigourney, as I told you, but there was scarcely any wind. We had a little hail at Washington, but only one gust of wind. An immense quantity of water fell all over the country, but I do not think the crops will be damaged materially. It stormed in Washington Thursday morning, but the weather was clearing up when the cyclone arose. The air was very warm all day and the sun was shining brightly when the rumbling commenced.

J. K. WARNLEND

states that he heard the storm coming and went out to see it, taking a position on the porch of his dwelling. He saw Gibson's house, about half a mile distant, lifted up and broken in pieces by a large cloud, densely black, which seemed divided into two columns near the base, being about 100 feet apart, and making a vista through which he could see for some distance south. The two columns ran up to a height of about 60 feet, when they joined the body of the cyclone. The cloud in the other portion extended upwards apparently 60 feet. The columns advanced regularly, but the left one seemed to turn to the left and the right to the right. The school-house, which was on the north side of the road, was turned round to the northeast, and shot off in that direction, while Henry Walters' dwelling, opposite, was turned to the northward, and the fragments scattered to the wind. The tornado passed in about five minutes, and immediately the rain began to descend in torrents. The cloud came towards his dwelling, and thinking it would strike the school-house, where four of his children were, he ran towards that building to rescue them. On his way he was lifted up and carried twenty feet. Turning to see if his house was in danger, he observed it passing about 200 yards in. Only the out-houses, however, came within its circle. He does not think the tornado proper struck his house, but that it was the circumambient wind. When he reached the site of the school-house he could see nothing of the structure or the children. He must have been somewhat bewildered, or the rear end of the cyclone obstructed his vision. Suddenly, in the very spot toward which his eyes were directed, the children appeared in a cluster. Two of his boys were slightly hurt.

THE REV. C. WILLIAMSON,

pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, whose congregation suffered most, devoted his sermon this morning to the calamity. The house was full. His text was from the first chapter of Nahum and the third verse: "The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet." His conclusions were that the cyclone was a visitation of God sent like the plagues of Egypt to demonstrate His power. The congregation was melted to tears. Mr. Williamson, in the course of a conversation, spoke of Mr. Gibson, whose handsome residence was scattered to the four winds, and his family left homeless and naked, the storm having stripped the clothes off their backs. Mr. Walters, another of his congregation, lost wife and child, and four other children were severely wounded. His wife's neck was broken, and Miss Gardner, a sister of Mrs. Gibson, a young lady of singular beauty, can hardly recover, and if she does, will be crippled for life. Willie Gibson, 13 years old, is not expected to live. Sallie Gibson, who was in the school-house, is badly hurt, but not fatally wounded. A hole was blown in his cheek alongside the mouth, his head cut, besides severe internal injuries. He was stripped of everything save his shirt. Mr. Williamson told many interesting incidents of which he knew. A glass lamp was left on Gibson's floor unbroken, and a number of glass jars were carried several miles uninjured. A photograph of Mr. Wilson, former pastor of the church, was carried seven miles away from Gibsons. A man named Baker was driving a mule team before a buggy when the storm came along, unhitched the mules, carried them some distance, deposited them in a hedge, at the same time that it smashed the vehicle into little bits and broke the ribs of Mr. Baker, who is not expected to recover. Poultry was unfeathered,—plucked perfectly clean. Mr. Conner's wife is doing well, her crushed hand having been dressed. His daughter, whose shoulder-blade was broken, is as comfortable as could be expected. Mr. Williamson said that the best description he heard of the storm was from his little boys, who likened it to a great blue sheet with one end trailing on the ground, and occasionally lifting so that they could see under it. He believed it traveled forty miles an hour, and took a minute or a minute and a half to pass a given point. According to the best estimate, the result of the storm so far as heard from are twelve persons killed, thirty wounded, thirty buildings destroyed, forty horses, ninety cows, over 1,000 sheep, numberless hogs and poultry, and the crops and timber on the line of the storm.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

This afternoon I made a complete list of the killed in Keokuk County, but, in the absence of and Washington, the former, was unsuccessful in communicating with that county is concerned. The list as far as I have it last night is correct, and as no further additions were made up to midnight, it probably embraces all the killed. Several more may have been wounded, but two or three days more will probably elapse before their names can be ascertained. Very little information has been obtained from the Keokuk River bottom from the latter from Hoffman, telegraphed yesterday. Letters are awaited from friends, and when they reach here something further may be heard of the ravages of the tornado it that direction.

The following is a partial list of the killed and wounded in this county:

KILLED—Mrs. Terry Watters and child, Miss Mary Rothmel, Major Davidson, and Ladan S. Housell.

Wounded—Four children of Henry Watters, two of whom will probably die; three children of Jacob Zeik, two badly; two children of David Caneer, seriously, one having a broken collar bone; a son of Henry Rothmel, slightly; a son of Mr. Frat, slightly; four children of Mr. Marbourg, slightly; Miss Smith, severely (the latter was the teacher and the children, those who were in the school-house); David Canteer, in the head; Mrs. David Canteer, slightly; a daughter of Mrs. Caldwell, two ribs broken; Jacob Zeik, badly in the head; Lyman Babcock, slightly; three children of Alex. Gibson, one baby; Mrs. Gibson; a man named Baker, a farm hand, seriously, in the back; Mrs. Corringer; Miss Andereon, and Mrs. Major Davidson.

No others have thus far been heard of. Mrs. McCoy was not hurt. Half a dozen of these named will be crippled for life.

The persons who visited the locality to-day brought many relics, and this evening are discussing

THE AWFUL EFFECTS OF THE CYCLONE.

Many of them had imagined they could picture the desolation when in Washington, but a view of the district convinced them that they had not made it as barren a waste as it is. All will remember the visitation for a long time, hoping, no doubt, that they may never have occasion to walk in the path of the storm king.

AID AND SYMPATHY.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the citizens at Everson's Hall, to-morrow night. Many have signified a willingness to contribute of their means toward a fund for the relief of the impoverished farmers and the wounded. A large sum will probably be raised to supply the immediate wants of the sufferers.

THE VICTIMS.

The sun set to-night on the graves of the dead who were mutilated so that they had to be buried the day after the disaster, and the remainder were laid in their narrow homes to-day. Many oscillate between life and death, and it is feared that the death-roll of the disaster is far from complete. Others will linger a few years, shattered and torn, monuments of the power of the elements, and then they too will pass away, but the recollection of the great storm will be transmitted to posterity, and the sad tale will be told when the actors in the drama are no more.

ITS RAVAGES AT AVON, ILL.

Avon, Ill. (May 22), Dispatch to the Galesburg Free Press.

About 5 p. m. this evening we were visited by one of the most destructive storms ever known in this vicinity. From those who visited the scene of disaster we gather the following particulars:

Deacon Rowe's barn completely destroyed, and his house considerably racked. Mr. Van Winkle's house unroofed, barn blown down, and orchard destroyed. A house on J. B. Hatch's farm, occupied by Frank Austin, unroofed and another house, two barns also blown down, one empty house on the same farm completely demolished. [N. Ackerman's house unroofed and upper part destroyed, his barn also blown down. Mr. McBride's house unroofed and barn blown down. Mr. Johnson's house unroofed and split in two, the two parts being separated about twenty feet and almost carried off the foundation. A small house that was occupied by T. Poole completely torn to pieces. S. Gorham's house and barn destroyed entirely. Mr. Moholland's house destroyed, and himself badly injured, having had his leg and shoulder broken. Mr. Moholland was the only person seriously hurt, although every house was occupied. In fact the storm tore up trees near two feet in diameter, by the roots. Took apple-trees and carried them for hundreds of yards; carried one wagon over a quarter of a mile, and swept the fences in its track level with the ground. Taken all together it was the most destructive storm we ever witnessed.

ANOTHER STORM AT AND AROUND DES MOINES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune

DES MOINES, May 25.—Another tremendous rain storm occurred here this afternoon, commencing at noon and continuing three hours, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning. During the storm Seward Smith, Esq., was knocked down on the sidewalk, lightning striking his umbrella, and, passing down, struck him on the right shoulder, penetrating his clothing like a bullet, thence down his back, and on each side of his left leg. The lightning left him, tearing a hole through his boot at the ankle. The left leg of his pants was ripped at the seam clear down. Smith was paralyzed for some time, but is now all right and suffering but little from the burns of the lightning. No doubts are entertained of his recovery.

Fears are entertained here of a disastrous flood. Both the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers are still rising rapidly. The water is now within ten feet of the four bridges across the Des Moines. The river banks are washing badly on the east side of the river, and but little more rise will carry the flood behind the east end piers of the bridges. All of the old wharves above the bridges are submerged, and drift-wood is running out freely. Numbers of leaved-out trees have been uprooted, and are passing down in the current.

Last night's and to-day's storm will probable cause a rise of some three feet more in the rivers. Beyond that mark the consequences will be very disastrous.

The Iowa River is reported very high, overflowing its banks, and flooding the bottom lands, causing serious damage to crops.

The outlook is threatening for the coming week, and great anxiety is felt by all people living along the rivers throughout the State.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Signal Service Bureau Reports and Prognostications.

CHICAGO, May 26—10:18 p. m.

The following reports have been received from the places mentioned below:

Station.	*Bar.*	*Ther*	*Wind.*	*Weather.*
Breckinridge	29.71	69	S. E., fresh.	Fair.
Buffalo	29.92	61	N. E., fresh.	Clear.
Chicago	29.89	62	N. E., fresh.	Fair.
Cincinnati	29.87	68	E., gentle.	Cloudy.
Cleveland	29.87	66	E., gentle.	Fair.
Cheyenne	29.90	44	N., gentle.	Cloudy
Davenport	29.73	71	E., fresh.	Fair.
Detroit	29.91	61	E., gentle.	Cloudy.
Duluth	29.87	44	Calm.	Cloudy.
Fort Garry	29.71	58	S. E., fresh.	Light rain.
Keokuk	29.75	68	S. E., fresh.	Cloudy.
LaCrosse	29.81	66	S. E., gentle.	Cloudy.
Milwaukee	29.93	51	Calm.	Fair.
Omaha	29.77	64	Calm.	Cloudy.
Pembina	29.65	39	S. W., fresh.	Light rain.
Port Sanilac	29.75	57	S. E., fresh.	Light rain.
Toledo	29.88	65	N. E., gentle.	Fair.
Yankton	29.86	64	N., fresh.	Cloudy.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—For the Northwest and Upper Lakes, and thence to Lower Missouri and the Lower Ohio Valleys, northeasterly and southeasterly winds, falling barometer, warm, cloudy weather and occasional rain. For Tennessee, the Gulf and South Atlantic States, southeasterly winds, diminishing pressure, rising temperature, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rain. For the Lower Lakes and Middle States, northeasterly and southeasterly winds, partly and increasingly cloudy weather, and occasional rain on Lake Erie and in Virginia. For New England and Canada, southwesterly and southeasterly winds, rising barometer, clear and partly cloudy weather. All reports west of the Mississippi River and in the Southwest are m[issing].

MISSOURI.

Indian Territory—Outlawry in the Workmen in Hannibal—Troublesome, etc.

HANNIBAL, Mo., May 25.—A band of desperadoes, numbering thirty or more, took forcible possession of Caddo, Indian Territory, a station on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, on Saturday, and defied the authorities. The United States Marshal was overpowered, and telegraphed to Fort Gibson for help. Troops have been sent to quell the disturbance.

The Continental Hotel at Hannibal, Missouri, has been besieged for three days by a riotous crowd of laborers, threatening the lives of certain contractors who had failed to pay the men for work done on the levee several weeks ago. On Saturday afternoon there would have been bloodshed but for the interference of the Mayor and the City Council. Last night a conference was held, and one workman and one policeman were chosen to guard the contractors till the pay was forthcoming, and the crowd of over a hundred determined men dispersed. A failure to negotiate bonds was the prime cause of the trouble.

The levee is highly spoken of, and it is said it will bring into cultivation over a hundred thousand acres of good land which has heretofore been useless.

Extensive preparations are being made here for the celebration of the birth-day anniversary of Sir Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, next Wednesday. An address will be delivered by Dr. E. D. Shannon, a relative of the poet.

Gen. W. T. Sherman arrived here this morning.

Fires.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The livery-stable of Patrick McIntyre, on Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, burned to-day, with seventeen horses and eight carriages. Loss $13,000; fully insured.

FOREIGN.

The Change of President in France Quietly Acquiesced In.

MacMahon's Letter Accepting the New Position.

Speculation as to the Composition of the New Cabinet.

Further Advices Concerning the Russian Campaign in Khiva.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Sunday Evening, May 25.—The change in the Presidency has been accomplished without the slightest disturbance. Perfect order prevails throughout France. The troops have been confined to their barracks since yesterday morning, but all is quiet in Paris, and there are no signs of disorder in the department. The radical journals to-day are calm in tone. They recommend prudence and wisdom on the part of the Republicans, and urge peace and strict adherence to law. Gambetta has issued a manifesto calling on the Republicans to respect the law.

Marshal MacMahon has sent a communication to M. Buffet, President of the Assembly, acknowledging the receipt of the official notification of his election to the Presidency, and accepting the office in the following terms:

"I will obey the will of the Assembly, the depository of national sovereignty. It is a heavy responsibility, but, with God's aid and the devotion of the army, I will continue the work of liberating the territory and restoring order, and will maintain tranquillity and the principles on which society rests. To this I pledge my word as an honest man and a soldier."

The President has issued a circular to Prefects of departments promising that no attack will be made on the laws and institutions of the country.

The formation of the new Government has not yet been completed. It is said the Duke de Broglie will have the Ministry of the Interior, and M. Pierre Magne that of Finance, and the Baron de Larcy and M. M. Ernoul and Batbie will also enter the Cabinet. A portfolio was tendered M. Goulard, late Minister of Finance, immediately after President Thiers' departure, but he declined it. A large number of Republican functionaries have resigned.

GERMANY.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The London *Times'* money article of the 15th inst. says: According to accounts from Germany, the financial confusion has reached a stage of relief in which for any description of stable securities a price can be obtained, whereas during the height of the panic no quotations were made, and people possessed of what under ordinary circumstances would have been considered available means were as much paralyzed as the broken speculators. The funds offered in Vienna by the National Bank and Minister of Finance, for advances on securities, have proved sufficient to remedy this condition, and to enable many people who were compelled to stop payment to settle their differences and resume the regular course of their business. It is stated from Berlin that the strain on the money market mainly arises from the unexpected application to the payment of the French indemnity. Most people seem to trust that the difficulty will prove only temporary, and that the large disbursements to be shortly made by the German Government, and the distribution of still larger sums among the individual States of the Empire, will soon have restored the markets to their former level.

KHIVA.

Herald Special.

LONDON, May 25.—The following is telegraphed from Central Asia:

I have joined the envoys of the Khan of Khiva in the Kizil Kum Desert, on the way from Fort No. 1 to Tashkend, 200 miles west of Tashkend, where the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch and Gen. Kaufman are waiting to see them. These envoys went to Fort No. 1 to accept for the Khan any terms the Prussian military powers propose. They missed Gen. Kaufmann there, but now go to understand that the Grand Duke and General were not pushing on, but waiting their coming to negotiate. Although the commanders may thus wait, it is doubtful if there will be any interruption of the movement of troops, since to secure the fall of Khiva it appears that only their presence before it is necessary. Disunion reigns there. The Khan is at war with his two brothers, and there is dread of a revolt on the arrival of the Russians to surrender the place.

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A letter from Disraeli is published in the London papers of the 15th, in which the Tory leader declares that at the impending general election the country will have to decide whether or not to cherish that great body of laws, customs, and traditions which have converted a small island into one of the mighty powers of the world.

SPAIN.

MADRID, May 25.—A banquet was given last night in honor of Mr. Bradlaugh, the bearer of the English resolutions, congratulating the Republic.

A mutiny is reported among the military at Berga. A regiment revolted and tried to kill its Colonel, but troops arrived in time from the neighborhood. The Colonel's life was saved and discipline and order restored.

RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 25.—It is said that the Russian Government [has] already commenced the construction of Ferdinand de Lesseps' railway communication across [Europe] from St. Petersburg, in connection with [the] English railways in India connection [with] and China.

HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, May 25.—The States-General have voted a supply of 5,500,000 florins to meet the expenses of the war against Atcheen.

SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, May 25.—Advices from Montevideo, April 23, say the yellow fever prevails there to such an extent that the people are flying from the city and business suspended.

Crime in Indiana.

EVANSVILLE, May 25.—A special to the *Journal* says Alvin J. Unsey, living about three miles east of Princeton, was killed in a fight with Thomas Reed, about 9:30 Saturday night. Unsey, who was drinking, quarreled with Reed, because the latter refused to drink, and attacked him with a brick. Reed struck him with his fist four or five times, knocking him down. He died in a few minutes. Reed is in custody.

John W. Griffith, former Deputy Chief of Police, attempted to kill his wife and himself on Saturday. Mrs. Griffith is but slightly hurt, but Griffith has not yet recovered from the strychnine, of which, he says, he took fifty cents' worth.

Railroad News.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 25.—H. B. Hammond, President of the Indiana & Illinois Central Railway Company, together with a number of the Directors of the same, and capitalists of New York and other Eastern cities, arrived in this city on Saturday evening. They remained over Sunday, and will inspect the various manufactories of Indianapolis as well as the coal mines of Clay, Park, and Vermillion Counties, prior to their excursion over the Western division of the Indiana & Illinois Central Railway, which has just been completed.

The Congressional Excursionists.

EVANSVILLE, May 25.—The Congressional excursion party, which left New Orleans at 4 p. m. yesterday, arrived here at 11 to-night, all well and in good spirits. Several members left the train at Humboldt, Tenn., and will proceed east via Louisville. Several others return home from here via Chicago. The remainder, numbering sixty-four, will go to St. Louis by a special train over the Cairo & St. Louis Short Line road, arriving there about 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On the steamer Illinois, coming up from Columbus, Ky., a meeting of members was held, at which a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern, the Mobile & Ohio, Illinois Central, and Cairo & St. Louis Short-Line Companies for the special trains which conveyed them from New Orleans, and the kind attentions paid them while en route.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 25.—In the case of Osgood & Co., v. Albert L. Luyster and others

THE IOWA TORNADO.

The Terrible Cyclone in Washington and Keokuk Counties.

Full Details of the Hurricane of Last Thursday Afternoon.

Miles of Devastation and Ruin —Great Loss of Property.

Houses, Barns, Fences, Orchards, and Forests Razed to the Ground.

School-Houses, Teachers, and Scholars Whirled in the Storm.

Twelve Persons Killed and Twenty-four More or Less Wounded.

A Flock of 1,500 Sheep Carried Off and Mashed to Atoms.

The Village of Lancaster, Keokuk County Badly Wrecked.

The Hurricane on the Mississippi—Two Steamboats Seriously Damaged.

Thrilling Description of the Storm King's Ride.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Iowa, May 24.—The extent of the terrific tornado which swept over Keokuk and Washington Counties last Thursday afternoon was but meagrely detailed in the dispatches sent from here on that evening. The damage done seemed too great to be realized, and although the statements made were alarming, they convey no idea of the injury done to property, and of the number of persons killed and wounded. In the absence of telegraphic communication with the interior, nothing definite could be learned, and hence the dispatches were made up from rumors, with a few sensational adjectives sandwiched in to make the cyclone truly horrible. Had the writer of the dispatch had the most vivid imagination, he could not have pictured the devastation and ruin wrought within two hours. Such a wind-storm was never before experienced in these counties. The oldest inhabitant remembers a hurricane twenty-five years ago, that swept everything before it, but as Washington was then an insignificant village, the damage was not material. Five years later there was a hail-storm, which did considerable injury to the crops, but the tornado of last Thursday is the severest ever known in Washington County.

THE TEMPEST ROAR.

No damage whatever was done in Washington, the point nearest where the storm laid its destroying hand being about 6 miles distant. The roar which accompanied this manifestation of the anger of nature was distinctly heard here, and it is said by farmers, who live 10 miles away, that they heard a peculiar, rumbling noise, and could not avoid connecting it with the storm. To some the noise sounded like a heavy freight train at night, when everything was reposing; to others, like musketry, with an occasional discharge of artillery. Scarcely any lightning flashes were visible, and only an occasional loud peal of thunder was heard. The rain fell in torrents, not in drops, but in sheets, there appearing to be a lake of water in the atmosphere. The whole country was flooded to the depth of several inches, and it is feared the corn already planted has been washed out. The little creeks and rivers, which supply Skunk River, were swollen and overflowed their banks, carrying away trees, and caving the banks to cave in.

EVERYTHING THE LINE ON THE STORM.

Everything except here and there a mile or two over which the whirlwind seems to have passed, is one undistinguishable mass of ruin. Not a barn, shed, or cattle-yard is to be seen looking scarcely a house, away as clean as if it had never been there. All were swept from Side of Chicago. The wiped out the North the storm is not known act starting point of been in Keokuk County is believed to have miles west of Lancaster, probably a few is said, was totally demolished, but in another easterly direction, path advanced Tallyrand about three miles, and soon north of through the German settlement called Keota, approaching the line of Washington Co., where it jumped a district of about eight miles, alighting again about six miles northwest of Washington on the farm of Frank Brown. Remaining on the ground for six or eight miles it passed up to Highland Township. Leaving the earth here, it struck again in Middle Township, where its force was spent, and it disappeared as suddenly as it appeared.

Those who saw the commencement say they first noticed an immense

COLUMN OF SMOKE,

which, to some resembled a huge hay-stack in shape, and to others a balloon, with the small end toward the ground. They could not see beyond its borders, but, as it went by, they saw mud and boards flying in all directions. Houses were torn from their foundations, as if they were chaff, broken and twisted into a million fragments, some of which were forced into the ground two or three feet. Cattle were lifted in the air, carried some distance, and hurled head-long to the earth. One heifer, three years old, was thrown into a ditch, head first, and when found her head and neck were buried in the mud. This is an actual fact, as I saw it myself, the owner having left them in that position in order to satisfy the incredulous. Several steers had pieces of timber forced into their sides, and quite a number were thrown down so violently that their limbs and horns were broken.

It is impossible to give an adequate description of the

PROGRESS

of the cyclone. It moved forward so rapidly, and those who saw it approaching were so badly frightened, that they thought only of their own safety. What most their view they could not avoid looking at, although fear seems to have confused their minds and rendered them unable to give a satisfactory account of it. As far as I have been able to learn, no man who possessed even a superficial knowledge of storms observed its course. Those who were in its midst and escaped with broken limbs and bruised bodies have no distinct recollection of anything except that they were lifted up, carried along with the rapidity of lightning, and landed suddenly in the mud. A few who were in their dwellings, and as they thought safe, found themselves sprawling on the ground, but how they got there they are unable to tell. Some sought a refuge in the cellars of their houses, and, while crouching in the corners, trembling from fear, saw the buildings lifted up and blown away. One house was thus demolished, and the roof of a granary near by carried off. The heifer was tilted up, and the grain in it was deposited in the open-mouthed cellar.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES

were so numerous that mention of individual cases is unnecessary. The fact that any lives had been lost in Washington County was not known in this city until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, two hours after the rumbling was heard. At that time several farmers came in on horses white with foam, and told of this and that house being blown down and the inmates either killed or seriously injured. They asked for medical assistance and all the physicians here immediately started to the localities indicated by the riders to care for the wounded. Drs. Deras, Scofield, Marbourg, Burroughs, Frazer, and McClellan attended to their wants and made them as comfortable as possible. They brought back even more

HARROWING ACCOUNTS

of the catastrophe than the messengers had given, and several hundred persons visited the devastated locality later in the day to gratify their curiosity.

A REPORTER'S EXPERIENCE.

I, the hour of THE TRIBUNE took a ride over the route of the hurricane this morning, and was astonished at the ruin wrought in an hour or two.

The first farm visited was that of John C. Cunningham, which is about seven miles northeast of Washington. Neither the barn or house w asvisible. They had been torn to pieces, and only a few fragments remained, nearly all the timber haying been blown away. Pieces of boards were sticking out of the fields, some of them imbedded in the ground two feet, and so tightly that they could not be pulled out. Dead stock was visible everywhere, horses, cows, pigs, and chickens having been hustled about so violently as to be deprived of the breath of life. Here and there were pigs impaled to the ground, while frequently chickens were encountered without a feather on them. The latter statement may seem absurd, but it is a fact. Three hundred head of stock were killed outright. The buildings destroyed were worth about $4,000. In the dwelling when the tornado approached were Mrs. McCoy, daughter of Mr. Cunningham, and Mrs. Carringer and two children of the former. They went into the cellar for shelter, but remained there only a short time, being lifted up and carried some distance, and thrown to the ground. Mrs. McCoy had her head cut, and was badly bruised. Mrs. Carringer was rendered insensible, but was not seriously hurt. The children were uninjured. They were found lying in a heap beside the cellar walls.

DAVIDSON'S FARM.

East of Cunningham's, near the Highland township line, is the farm of Mr. Davidson. His house and barn were destroyed, and he himself was killed. Mr. Houssel, who was with him at the time, was fatally injured, and died on Friday morning. All of the latter's clothing was torn off his body, and his friends in Washington had to supply the garments to bury him in.

BABCOCK'S FARM.

North from Cunningham's is the farm of John Babcock. His residence, barns, outhouses, and granaries were demolished. His large barn was one of the finest in the county, having recently been erected at a cost of $3,000. It was full of grain, and more was deposited in the cellar of his house. He had $300 in a bureau drawer. All the furniture is missing, and hence the money cannot be recovered. His loss will amount to about $7,000. Fortunately, Mr. Babcock, who is his brother's boarder, which was out of the range of the storm. Mr. Babcock himself and Jacob Seeck saw the cyclone coming, and ran into the house, and took up what they imagined to be a place of security in the cellar. The house was lifted off the foundations, and had not a piece of timber falles on them they would have escaped. The board struck Seeck on the head, inflicting a serious wound. Mr. Babcock escaped uninjured. The roof of the barn was blown fully a quarter of a mile, and alighted almost intact. The apple orchard, one of the largest in the county, is now without trees. They were torn up by the roots and hurried along. A grove of honey locusts was also carried away. Trees eighteen inches thick were snapped as clay pipes can be. Some of the stumps remaining look as if a saw had been used, so smooth and clean was the break.

CANEER'S FARM.

The next farm visited was that of David Caneer. Here was the same desolation as noticed at the other places, only less building material was observable. Of the houses, barns, and sheds, scarcely a vestige was left. Alexander Gibson and Mr. Caneer were in the house, and debated whether they should go into the cellar for safety. They concluded to do so, and had scarcely reached it when the wind struck the building and went up into the air. Mrs. Caneer, who also took refuge in the cellar, was the only one badly hurt. She lifted up her hand as the house was leaving, and a board striking one of her fingers, broke it. Some timbers fell on Caneer and Gibson, and they were slightly bruised. A hedge-fence in a roadway presented a peculiar appearance. Against the outside of it, for nearly a quarter of a mile, was hay and straw mixed indiscriminately. How it came there can only be accounted for in one way. A water-spout drove it from the hedge. A simple rain-storm would not have fastened it so securely. Scarcely any rail-boards or wire fences could be seen, all having been lifted up by the whirlwind and carried no one can tell where. Pieces of imbedded timber were so thick in the fields that forty or fifty acres had the appearance of having been devoted to stock. Of beam and hops. About forty rods distant from the Caneer farm stood the Beedleford

SCHOOL-HOUSE.

It was an old frame building, made of square timbers. Nothing remains in the site, but a quantity of a mile down the road were found what had evidently been portions of it. School was in session when the cyclone made its appearance, about twenty scholars being in attendance. The rumbling frightened them, and o'clock in the morning it was succeeded by heavy thunder; the second between 9 and 10 o'clock. During the latter, the school-house of the independent district of Long Grove was

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

while the school was in session. Over twenty scholars were present. The house had a porch in front and the lightning descended upon the north side of this, knocking out all the top work, and scattering everything from roof to sill. The plaster was sent through the interior of the house a distance of thirty feet, striking some of the children, though injuring none seriously. Those on the south side of the house felt the shock, and the peal of thunder which instantly followed, filled the pupils and teacher with terror. Some of the children were partially stunned. Others shrieked in fright, and a few were scared almost out of their senses. Some of the siding of the building was thrown into a field sixty feet away, and one piece was sent through the middle of an eight-inch board in a fence, and the roof of the school-house was badly damaged.

There was another heavy storm in the afternoon, but it wrought no damage. The fat ground in the vicinity of the grove is flooded. Corn-planting is, of necessity, at a stand-still for a few days, and it is feared that a good deal already planted is injured, if not ruined.

FLOODED.

At Muscatine the rain came down as if the floodgates of heaven had been opened, followed by hail. Between there and Wilson Junction, at Monona, Fredonia, and other stations along the Southwestern division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, the country was flooded. Bridges and fences were blown down, but no material damage was sustained by any person as far as can be ascertained.

The following is a correct list of the killed and wounded in Washington, including those named in Mr. Hoffman's letter:

KILLED.

A child of Mr. Baker.
A child of Mr. Fuse.
Mrs. Korch.
Mrs. Engledingle and child.
A child of Mr. Horace.
Henry Walters and two children.
Lafayette Gibson.
A daughter of
Henry Rathmel.

WOUNDED.

Mrs. Carringer.
Mrs. McCoy.
Jacob Zeck.
Mrs. Caneer and three children, will probably die.
Miss Smith.
Two children of Mrs. Henry Walters.
William Gibson, aged 13.
John Gibson, aged 9.
Rolla Gibson, aged 7, children of Alexander Gibson.
Rebecca Gardner.
William Rebee.
Mrs. Gibson.
A son of J. E. Garboug.
Mrs. Walters, mother of Henry Walters.
A child of William Caldwell.
Four children whose names are unknown.
A farm-hand named Baker.

AT KEOTA.

KEOTA, Keokuk Co., Iowa, May 24.—I have just returned from a tour along the course of the tornado, or as near it as broken bridges and other obstructions would permit. At Sigourney, fourteen miles from here, the storm was observed, according to the prevalence of opinion, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Hail fell heavily; such hail as has not been seen since the

PLAGUES OF EGYPT,

came down thick and fast in a straight line, the air being unusually calm and outside the disturbing influence of the tornado, which was some ten miles away. The size of the hail will test the credulous powers of many, and for the sake of preserving my veracity, I would hesitate to mention it. Mr. J. N. Dorsty, a conductor on the Rock Island Railroad, a man of intelligence, stated that he was in a drug store, when several were picked up weighed, and measured. One of them weighed 1½ ounces, and was 10 inches in circumference. A gentleman had one weighing 3 ounces and so large and solid were they, that it took three hours for the appearance of the ice to disappear. They resemble large lumps of clear transparent ice. Some were round as a cannon ball; some slightly oblong like an egg; others were flattened like door-knobs. When they came with a deafening sound like the report of a pistol. No one was in the streets. It was as much as life was worth to be struck by one of these curious celestial missiles. Horses tried to dodge them, and in doing so broke away from their hitching-posts, and dashed wildly through the terrified town. More than one vehicle met the fate of the "one-hoss shay." Windows were broken and much small injury done in various ways. The only indication discovered as to the work of destruction going on in the distance was a low, rumbling sound, like a far-away thunder, or the noise of a train of cars moving rapidly over a bridge.

THE TORNADO

started on its mission of death from the vicinity of Hayesville, in Lancaster Township, Keokuk County, not far from the town of Lancaster. Mr. James Craig, an old citizen of that place, states that two clouds seemed to come together, unite, and move rapidly in a north-easterly direction. The first obstacle it encountered was the Jones school-house, in the vicinity of Lancaster. School was in session. The teacher and scholars barely noticed the darkening sky, when a heavy fall of rain, passed over the city at 6 o'clock this evening, doing considerable damage. The towboat "Little Alpe," with two barges in tow, when opposite the elevator was capsized and sunk in 100 feet of water. The barges were cut loose and all hands saved. The boat belonged to Lucius Miller, and was worth about $5,000; insurance unknown.

The front wall of Gage & Fisher's cotton warehouse was blown down. A boy named Callie Pierce was severely injured. The rear wall of Cooper Christian's cotton warehouse was also blown down.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Gold, Bond, Stock, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Wall street is remarkably dull to-day. Money ruled easy from 6 to 7 per cent on call. The bank statement is unfavorable, showing a net loss of $892,800 in the legal reserve, which is a general disappointment to the street.

STOCKS

were duller than on any other day of the week. Aside from Pacific Mail, Western Union, and Erie, the changes were small. The attendance at the Exchange was slim, and the market at times neglected. The bank statement had no perceptible effect on prices.

GOLD

was active, with a further advance. The manœuvres of the bull combination in gold is still the subject of comment. It is intimated that Gould is strengthening himself in gold at this time, to prevent the stock market running away from him. The Vienna panic being at an end, and the grain of gold from the Bank of England being checked, it is reasonable to suppose that the bank rate might be reduced to such a figure as would send capital over here for employment in carrying a large load of stocks in the market. It is said that this is just what the great bull wants to prevent, if possible. He has gauged the receptacles for money here, and knows about how much can be had, and knows about how much he has. If he can keep money feverish by occasional squeezes, he can prevent time loans being made on stock operations, and compel parties who are carrying loads to realize. Gold removed, the shipments of gold to Europe through a demoralization of the Exchange market, caused by cornering gold, he intends to keep the Bank of England rate firm, and consequently English capital at home.

THE IMPORTS

at this port for the week ending to-day were $8,585,218.

BONDS.

Governments were strong and prices advanced to the highest point of the season. The most important feature is the scarcity of all descriptions, which causes a marked improvement whenever the demand becomes a little active.

PRODUCE.

For flour the inquiry was light under a strong disposition to realize. Most grades under $9.00 were neglected. Buyers were willing to realize on winter wheat brands. No. 2 and ordinary extras were very heavy, with more doing in sour. Sales, 6,700 bris; receipts, 6,934 bris. Wheat was better, the wants of shippers coming to them as a rule to pay from ½c to 1c per bushel more than the asking rates of sellers. Everything is delivered in the track of the storm. Sales, 97,600 bu; receipts, 67,570 bu.

Corn was quiet but firm. Some delivery. May is quoted at about 40½@40¾c. The sales, cash and regular, were about 175 bris at 51½@51¾c for new mess, and 51c@51½c for rumps. For future delivery, 260 bris for June sold at 51½@51¾c; July, 145 bris at 52c. Cut meats were generally quiet, but for dry salted meats there was more demand, and 125 boxes medium hams sold at 11c. Pickled bellies were in demand at 7½@7¾c. Sales of 7,500 lbs pickled bellies were made p t, 11 lbs average are quoted 9c. Receipts, 481 pkgs. Bacon was fairly active, and prices about the same, with sales of 1,500 boxes of short clear at 9c. Lard was quiet and rather unsettled. Western is quoted at 9 1-16c on the spot and for May. For future delivery, the business reported embraced 600 tcs at 9 1-16c for May and 9 3-16c for June and July at 9 7-16c. Receipts, 819 pkgs.

THE JUDICIAL CONTEST.

A. M. Craig's Nomination for the Supreme Court Ratified at Yates City, Ill., by a Small Meeting of Farmers.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GALESBURG, Ill., May 24.—A notice appeared in an Elmwood paper that a Farmers' Convention would be held at Yates City on the 24th at 10 a. m., to be addressed by A. M. Craig. The farmers' clubs and grangers of the adjoining towns were invited. At the appointed time some twenty or thirty, mostly delegates from farmers' clubs were in attendance. It was announced that Mr. Craig would not arrive till 2 o'clock, p. m. At 2 p. m. the meeting was called to order, and Mr. Knable, of Salem, called to the chair. The Chair announced that the meeting was called by the Salem Grange to ratify the nomination of Mr. Craig, and that the grangers and members of farmers' clubs, who were present, were invited to take seats in the park, and that as no other business was in order; that Mr. Craig had been invited to address them but advised that just received from Mendota informed him that he could not be present. After a speech from James H. Stewart, the Democratic candidate for Circuit Judge, a resolution ratifying Mr. Craig's nomination was passed, and the chairman then gave notice that the work of the Convention was done; that the Salem Grange would continue in session for private business, and that the grangers who could make themselves known as such were welcome. The delegates and others present from other towns thereupon retired considerably disgusted. Mr. Emery of the *Prairie Farmer*, who was present, said: "I am disgusted." He could hear Mr. Craig, jerked up his carpet-bag, and exclaimed: "I am for home; two nights' riding; one whole day loafing—all to hear that resolution read."

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ATHENS, Ill., May 24.—The farmers of Lake Koshkonong, Wis., met in mass in the Odd Fellows' Hall here in Judicial Convention, and nominated the Hon. Sylvan Wilcox, of Elgin. Many of the most prominent citizens, including several Supervisors, were present, and a full list of delegates was appointed. The contest is a hard fight. The friends of Mr. Wheaton feel that it will be a close contest, and are working unceasingly. Judge Wilcox is very popular, and highly respected for his integrity.

MORRISON, Whiteside Co., Ill., May 24.—The Whiteside County Central Grange, representing eighteen subordinate granges of this county, met here to-day, and passed the following preamble and resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Whiteside County Central Grange that the Hon. W. Wheaton is entitled to our confidence for the position of Judge of the Third Judicial District, and we hereby recommend him to the farmers throughout the District.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Suspension of a Combination of Twelve Leading Firms in the Trade.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A dispatch from Troy announces the suspension of twelve prominent lumber firms on account of the failure of the combination to control the Western lumber market, with liabilities amounting to $2,000,000. Three of these firms, Messrs. Dodge & Co., Orson Richards, and P. Wadams & Co., do business in this city. Watson & Twitchell, who are named in the dispatch as belonging to Chicago, is a firm in Newark, N. J. On application this afternoon for particulars, at No. 59 Wall street, to the firm of Dodge & Co., the members said that the persons named formed a combination early last summer, not to control the Western lumber market, but for the purpose of keeping out of that market manufactured lumber as the best advantage. They had in their possession a great amount of lumber, amounting to 300,000,000 feet, much of which they were obliged to carry over last winter. This was necessitated by the tremendous money market, high freights on the lakes, and the unusual backwardness of the season. As so much capital, otherwise available, was thus locked up, and as the stronger dealers were hampered by their connection with others, all became embarrassed in their resources. Messrs. R. W. Barnard, White & Co., Page & Co., and Dodge & Co. invited six prominent bank officers, representing from one-third to one-half of their creditors, to meet and consult to make an examination of their affairs. This Committee have made a careful scrutiny of the entire business, and on the 20th inst. reported that the resources of all the firms were largely in excess of the claims against them, but in consequence of the peculiar character of the lumber trade, in which nearly eighteen months is required to turn the money invested, it is deemed advisable for their creditors to grant them a reasonable time to turn their assets into cash. In consequence of this State of affairs the business of these firms is temporarily interrupted. Mr. Richards, it is said, is the largest manufacturer of spruce and hemlock in the country. The combination was chiefly devoted to pine lumber. The aggregate liabilities of the firms is said to be actually about $3,000,000.

Obituary.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Early, of the Georgetown Jesuit College, died this afternoon of paralysis.

RICHMOND, Va., May 24.—James W. Beebee, of New York City, died to-day in a sleeping-car while en route from South Carolina homeward, accompanied by his wife. His disease was consumption. The remains will be sent on to-night.

Telegraphic Brevities.

James Woods, a poor laborer of Utica, Ind., is the holder of ticket No. 89,777, which drew the capital prize—the Omaha lottery.

Hans Christensen, Christian Olsson, and Two Danes, aged respectively 27 and 29, within Olsson, two Danes, aged at Cedar Falls, Iowa, last night, were...Cedar River dam and drowned. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

The distillery of Mr. McNellis, of Ann Sable, near Morris, Ill., was seized last week by an officer of the United States Internal Revenue Department, for nonpayment of taxes. It will be sold at auction on the premises, together with 343 barrels of high wines, on the 9th of June. Mr. McNellis, with counsel, has gone to Washington to try to fix up the matter.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

VERSAILLES, May 24.—The debate upon the reorganization of the Government was resumed this morning. Thiers, in accordance with the notice given yesterday by Minister Dufaure, addressed the Assembly, urging the definite establishment of the Republic. His utterances were received with loud cheers by the Left, while the Right remained silent. Upon the conclusion of Thiers' speech the Assembly took a recess.

The Assembly reconvened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and, after an energetic speech by Dufaure, Minister of the Interior, rejected, by a vote of 362 against 348, the simple order of the day, proceeding from the Left and supported by the Government. An order of the day, proposed by the Right, declaring that the present form of Government was not under discussion, and requesting that the reconstruction of the ministry did not afford conservative guarantees, was then adopted by a vote of 360 against 344.

Upon the announcement of the result of the vote, Baragnon, member of the Right, said, the supreme interests of the country required that the Government should not remain silent. His remarks were received with noisy protestations by the Left. When the tumult had subsided, Baragnon resumed, and proposed, a night session of the Assembly.

Buffet, Minister of Finance, seconded the motion, and declared that France would not remain a moment without a Government, notwithstanding the vote just cast. "There exists," he said, "a President and the Republic. The Ministers would answer for the maintenance of order." They would consult with the President, and agree to a night sitting. The Left shouted, "Why will the Government thus set Europe and posterity an example of this unnecessary agitation?" The Right insisted that the Government should promptly communicate its decision to the Assembly. After further debate, which was conducted amidst the greatest excitement, it was decided to have a night session, and recess was taken until evening. The result of the vote caused intense excitement, and the streets were crowded with people eagerly awaiting the development of the night's sitting.

VERSAILLES, May 24—Evening.—The Assembly resumed its session at 8. Dufaure, Minister of Justice, announced that Ministers had tendered their resignations to Thiers, who had accepted them.

Dufaure then mounted to Buffet, the President of the Assembly, a message from President Thiers announcing that he delivers back to the Assembly the high functions which had been conferred upon him. The reading of the message produced a profound sensation in the Chamber.

General Changarnier and the Duke de Broglie moved that the Assembly immediately appoint a successor to Thiers.

This motion caused terrific uproar. The Left moved that the resignation of Thiers be not accepted. This motion was rejected by a vote of 360 against 352. The resignation of Thiers was then formally accepted.

Buffet fruitlessly attempted to eulogize Thiers. The members of the Left endeavored to secure an adjournment of the session, but the Right insisted upon choosing a President immediately. A vote was then taken, and it resulted in the election of Marshal MacMahon, who received 390 votes. The Deputies of the Left abstained from voting. A committee was appointed to wait upon Marshal MacMahon and inform him that he had been elected President of the Republic. The Committee was headed by Buffet, who, upon retiring, temporarily handed over the presidency of the Assembly to Goulard, who was enthusiastically cheered by the Right upon taking the seat. Upon the return of the Committee, Buffet resumed the chair, and announced that Marshal MacMahon had accepted the Presidency of the Republic, though not without pain. Buffet also stated that the Ministers would temporarily remain.

The crowds in the streets and in front of the Legislative Palace remained all night, advanced, and, when the result of the proceedings in the Assembly was made known, there were loud shouts of "Vive la Thiers," and "Vive la Republique." There was no attempts at disorder, and the people quietly dispersed.

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, May 24.—In London, this being the fifty-fourth recurrence of the birthday of Queen Victoria, to-day was a half-holiday, and was ushered in by the firing of salutes and the ringing of bells. During the day there was a review of the military, and in the evening the city will be illuminated.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The London *Daily News* of May 12, publishes a dispatch dated Nice, May 11, from Dr. Gurney, John Stuart Mill's attending physician, from which it appears that he was in failing health and good spirits up to the time of his attack of erysipelas, which rapidly ran its fatal course in the short space of four days. This disease is epidemic of the low-lying fertile ground about Avignon. He knew the situation was not healthy, but had purchased a house and grounds only because they were close to the cemetery, where his wife was buried fifteen years ago, and in order that he might spend as much of his time as possible near her tomb. The house, moreover, was densely surrounded by trees, which he would not allow to be touched, but the night-air was absorbing in the neighborhood, should quit the spot. The avenue under the shade of which he composed and studied, was filled with these trees. Mr. Mill suffered but little except from swallowing, and from the head and weight of the enormous swelling which came over his face and neck. Yet he learned the fatal nature of the attack with calmness and resignation. His expressed desire that he should remain clear in his mental faculties and suffer from long, wasting disease was gratified, for his great intellect remained clear to the last moment. His wish that his funeral might be quiet and simple, was attended to by his step-daughter with devoted solicitude. The funeral took place in the simplest fashion—the French doctor, Protestant pastor, and myself alone being present with the family. Prayer was offered at the grave. The most touching address was made by the pastor. Then the beautiful tomb of his wife was opened, and he was placed by the side of her he loved so well.

AUSTRIA.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A letter from Vienna of the 10th says: The panic was at its height on the 9th, when more than 200 failures were announced. Many old commission banking houses have gone on the list of bankrupt, along with a crowd of mushroom concerns, which sprang up under the influence of the general speculation that has been prevalent during the past two years. In the great crisis of 1869 the total loss occasioned by the fall of stocks quoted on the Bourse amounted to 28,000,000 florins. Already it has exceeded that figure, and the end is not yet. Not only have all the new speculative banks and numerous building companies. Hundreds of bubble companies were organized, and their stocks were snatched up at prices absolutely inconceivable, while the prospectus of them was never read. Almost every day saw new banks organized with mythical capital, whose stock was palmed off upon the credulous public by the influence of the names of Rothschilds and Goulds, the names of Strousberg and by the puffing of subsidized newspapers. The building companies outnumbered the banks, and were about as unworthy of trust. They undertook everything, from a railway to a sewer, from putting up soda-water fountains, Cotton and woolen factories, iron-works, breweries, mills, &c., were built without any regard to the quality of the goods or their products, and the speculative fever induced people to buy stock, not as an investment, but in the hope that the next day somebody would give a higher price for it. Immense tracts of land were purchased in Vienna by these building companies in a style of elegance before unknown here. Great apprehension is felt that the catastrophe will ultimately involve the general mercantile and manufacturing interests of the Empire, and produce a serious disturbance in all kinds of business. If the panic goes no further than the Stock Exchange, although the victims will be numbered by thousands, and the indirect effects of the crisis will be felt for a long time, the lesson it will teach will perhaps be worth the cost.

SPAIN.

PERPIGNAN, May 24.—The Carlists deny that the volunteers who surrendered at Sanahuja were butchered. They state that they hold them subject to an exchange for Carlists.

MADRID, May 24.—The Council of Ministers yesterday, in postponing the elections in Cuba for Deputies to the Communal Cortes, acted upon no day.

BARCELONA, May 24.—Two corpses have been found near Manera, with a placard on each, bearing these words: "Killed while attempting to assassinate Don Alfonso."

The levy of young men ordered by Gen. Velarde is well received. Many manufacturers will continue the salaries of their operatives while they are in the service. Juntas are forming to promote the enforcement of the levy.

ITALY.

ROME, May 24.—The Pope contemplates anathematizing members of the Italian Cabinet and all others who are proposing to secularize the monasteries.

Historical paintings are making for the funeral of Count Mamiani.

PERU.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Callao dates of the 4th state that a large fire had occurred, the Hotel Comercio and several other buildings, entailing a loss of $300,000. No Americans suffered.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Panama dates to May 15 are received by the steamer Henry Chauncey.

A Commissioner has been sent to President Neira, from Panama, to beg him back to assume the head of the Government. The Prefect of Aspinwall, Senor Fernett, was Acting President. An amnesty had been arranged and the expense of the late trouble were to be assumed by the State Department.

During the fighting in Panama, the national troops lost twenty-three killed and thirty wounded, and the State troops double that number. Considerable property outside the city has been destroyed. The guard furnished by Admiral Steedman remains, protecting the railway and steamship property, but the force of 70 men furnished by the Panama was withdrawn. Most of the militia, blacks, outside of the city have taken to the woods with their arms.

Senor Perez is President Correza remains by request of the citizens until perfect tranquility is restored.

Gen. Barrios has elected Constitutional President of Guatemala, and the rebel faction dispersed.

It is stated that Senor Palacios, who recently arrived at Panama, has purchased the steamer Gen. Herran, and is now arming her to proceed to Omoa, Honduras, overthrow the present Government, replace Medina in the Presidency, then organize an army, cross the frontier, uniting with disaffected Indians of Quezaltenango, and revolutionize Guatemala.

BRAZIL.

LISBON, May 24.—Advices from Rio de Janeiro to the old rate, eight days, the Emperor of Brazil had closed reforms were promised on Legislature. A number of

Medical Ethics in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, May 24.—The Board of Trial of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which recently tried certain members of the Society for practising homeopathy on

RELIGIOUS.

The Presbyterian General Assembly, North, at Baltimore—Proceedings Yesterday.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BALTIMORE, May 24.—The Assembly to-day manifests the purpose to hasten an adjournment by limiting the speeches of others than Secretaries and Chairmen of committees to five minutes. Notwithstanding this, there was much prolix talking. Many Commissioners are particularly interested in one department of the Church's work, and ignorant or careless of all others. Consequently, each report is followed by speeches from men moved by the spirit to interpret its meaning, or limit upon its merits. This kind of personal display was checked three times to-day by operation of the previous question. The colored Commissioner who spoke to-day on the report of the Freedmen's Committee has been a Presbyterian minister twenty years, and was long a missionary in Africa. His oration was carefully prepared, with the exception of the introduction and close. The transitions from one kind of speaking to another were very prominent. The Assembly was much pleased with his spirit and intelligence, and especially with the declaration that the freedmen only ask the whites to heal the wounds they have inflicted.

The report of the Committee on Manses was roughly treated. It contemplated the continuance of the Committee to encourage the building of parsonages, and made appropriations for the purpose. $40 to defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman. Leading men in the Assembly opposed the report and the whole scheme of manse erection, William E. Dodge especially objecting to the appropriation of money for such an object. Others said that the Committee was only established on the understanding that its existence should be temporary, and that no salaried official would be demanded. In the midst of this animated debate, one member said that Mr. Wilson, the Chairman of the Manse Committee had acted historian of the Church without pay; that he had a perfect mania for collecting valuable documents relating to the Presbyterianism, and that his continuance in the work of erecting manses with a roving commission and expense paid would be a profitable investment. The plan of a Manse Committee was carried, but the Church could not afford to hire roving maniacs to write its history. This utterance caused much feeling. Mr. Wilson being an amiable and pious man. Just before the morning adjournment, Mr. Hall, from Ohio, attempted to introduce a resolution requiring an apology for the offensive remark, but the Moderator ruled that it was out of order, and brought down the gavel in the midst of much confusion. The only matter of interest in the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries was the recommendation that the Danville Seminary be surrendered to its Trustees, with a view to harmonizing the differences between the Old-School and Northern Churches. The Rev. C. L. Thompson, Commissioner from Chicago, has been called home by serious illness in his family.

[By the Associated Press.]

BALTIMORE, May 24.—The Assembly to-day appointed a committee to consider, and report to the next General Assembly, the subject of issuing a free paper. The report of the Board of Church Erection found expenditures during the past year of $110,744; number of churches contributing, 1,903; not contributing, 2,827; amount expended in aid of churches, $63,091; churches receiving aid, 1,274; amount loaned, $47,653. The Board recommended that in future no more than $1,500 be allowed in aid of any church. The report and recommendation were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Manses was taken up and discussed until recess. After recess the special order, the report of the Committee on Church Polity and the Freedmen—was submitted, with the recommendation that the Assembly commend the missions for the freedmen to the sympathy and hearty support of the Church. The report shows that the receipts during the year were $63,126; expenditures, $59,260. The report gives an interesting account of the number of churches, Sunday-schools, mission-schools, communicants, Sunday-school scholars, &c. The Rev. A. C. McClellan, Secretary of the regular Committee on Missions of the Freedmen, addressed the Convention, and was followed by the Rev. R. J. Adams, colored, who delivered a forcible speech. Other speeches were made, and the report was adopted. The Committee on Church Polity reported. The Assembly adjourned until 7 p. m. to-day. The report on Theological Seminaries will be considered.

At the session to-night the report on Theological Seminaries was adopted. It states that the Seminaries are in a healthy condition, such as "D. D.'s" "LL. D.'s," &c., in the official rolls of the Church, and the subject was referred to a committee to report to the next General Assembly. Several resolutions of general interest were adopted. The Assembly then adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

PITTSBURGH.

Two Children Burned to Death—Decoration Day—War on the Hanging Signs.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—Last evening while the little grandchild of Mr. W. Morgan, and the other of Mr. Wisfring, residing at Shady Side were at play, one applied a to the clothes of the other, and it was soon with some oil. An explosion followed, and in an instant the clothing of the children was saturated with oil. They were enveloped in flames, and burned to a crisp.

The Mayors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City have issued a proclamation requesting that all business houses be closed on December 30 next, as a means of protest against merchants who have been obstructing the sidewalks with signs, &c. Over four hundred suits have already been instituted, and others are being prepared.

The Atlantic Death-Roll.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Four hundred and twenty-eight bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the steamship Atlantic, leaving 318 persons unaccounted for. Nearly a dozen bodies of the lost cabin passengers are still missing, and, although all the state-rooms have not been examined by the divers, it is believed that the number will be found to be less than when entered, as the passengers are believed to have escaped to the deck when informed of their impending danger after the vessel struck.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A letter in the interest of the bodies of the passengers of the steamship Atlantic says: "The graves of twenty-five persons are scarcely deep enough to allow the coffins to rest more than three inches below the earth's surface. The heavy rains have washed away what little earth covering there was, and to-day there are hundreds of coffins exposed to view. In many instances the bodies are crowded into a single box, and in some cases even three; and, in order to economize in the matter of space, they are often placed in trenches of one. As the fearful task progresses, shabby graves and rude coffins are modest tablets, which record the sufferings and deaths of hundreds of men, women, and children.

Sporting.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Maurice Daly, champion, has accepted the challenge of Albert Garnier to play a billiard match involving the championship and possession of the champion cup.

Base Ball—Athletics, 11; Mutuals, 7.

BOSTON, May 24.—Base Ball—Bostons, 9; Baltimores, 1.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—Base Ball—Philadelphias, 5; Atlantics, 1.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The rival trotting associations, having settled their differences, the trot for the purse of $2,500, mile heats, best three in five, and Goodells, will take place on Prospect Park track, May 30.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Athletics and Mutuals played a return game on the Union Grounds this afternoon in presence of 2,000 spectators. The playing was remarkable only for the wild throwing of the Mutual third baseman, Bolles, who was substituted for Mack, deposed. This lost the Mutuals an easy victory.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mutuals	1	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0
Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	x

Total—Mutuals, 7; Athletics, 6.

Put out by errors—Mutuals, 4; Athletics, 8; runs earned: Mutuals, 2; Athletics, 0; fielding errors: Mutuals,

THE COURTS.

The Republic Insurance Company---An Iowa Decision.

Counter-Affidavits in the Alleged Jury Tampering Case.

Conclusion of the Notorious High-wines Suit.

Bankruptcy Matters--The Courts in Brief---New Suits.

The question of the possession of jurisdiction by the United States Circuit Courts in the matter of suits brought by an Assignee in Bankruptcy appointed in another district, where such Assignee is a citizen of another State and the defendant is a citizen of a State where the action is brought, and the amount in dispute exceeds the sum of $500; and of the jurisdiction of the State and Federal courts, as affected by the Bankrupt act, was settled in the United States Court, of Des Moines, Ia., on Friday last. The cases of the Republic Life Insurance Company were called several days ago in that court, and in the case of Payson, Assignee, v. Dietz, the counsel for the defense made a motion to dismiss the case for want of jurisdiction. This action was one of over 100, similar in character, brought to recover the amounts of unpaid assessments upon stock held by them in the Republic Insurance Company. Judge Dillon said that, under the circumstances of the case, the jurisdiction of the Court plainly existed, unless it be taken away by the provisions of the Bankrupt act. It is claimed that the jurisdiction of either the United States Circuit Courts or the State Courts is taken away, as a necessary or implied effect of the jurisdiction which is conferred by the Bankrupt act upon the United States District Courts. It is claimed, as a necessary and legitimate conclusion from the establishment of bankrupt courts with plenary jurisdiction throughout the States, and the prescribing the Circuit Courts certain specific powers in bankruptcy proceedings, that all jurisdiction in bankruptcy cases should be exclusively in the bankruptcy courts, except so far as the Bankrupt act expressly confers such jurisdiction upon the Circuit Courts. The Court, upon the best consideration he had been able to give the matter, held the District Court had exclusive jurisdiction in all actions relating to the collection of the assets of estates, and in all other actions concerning the estate, except so far as a concurrent jurisdiction is invested in the Circuit Courts in a limited number of cases, had not been able to reach the conclusion that it was a sound one. The Court mentioned the following reasons for sustaining the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts in actions such as the one in question, and dismissed defendant's motion:

1. The Court, where the jurisdiction arising from citizenship exists, is a court of full common law and equity powers. In this action, the requisite citizenship does exist, and the cause of action is not created by the Bankrupt act, but is essentially a common law action to enforce a contract against the defendant. It is true that the Assignee claims title under proceedings in bankruptcy, which are exclusive in the proceedings in the Probate Court, but this does not make the action, properly viewed, a proceeding in bankruptcy. With the consent, and under the direction of the proper bankruptcy court, there was no reason why an action like this should not be enforced either in the State Court or in this Court, as may be deemed most expedient. Essentially it does not differ from the ordinary action of debt, both constantly take cognizance, as part of their original and rightful jurisdiction.

2. The argument against the jurisdiction of this Circuit Court derives all its force from the supposed exclusive jurisdiction of the District Courts, and that such jurisdiction is exclusive, both of the State Courts and of this court, except to the limited extent mentioned in the second section of the act.

If Congress had intended by the first section of the act to make the jurisdiction of the District Courts exclusive in the collection of assets and to deprive all other courts of jurisdiction in suits brought by or against Assignees in Bankruptcy, it would have been as easy as it would have been natural to employ language to express this purpose. But it will be observed that no such words are used in the first section, and they not only not used, but seems to have been carefully avoided.

3. That the State Courts are not deprived of jurisdiction in this matter is manifest by other equity rules. Suits brought by the Assignee in Bankruptcy, is a proposition that has the support of many well-reasoned adjudications made both under the Bankrupt act of 1841 and the present.

And if these courts may exercise a concurrent jurisdiction in any event, it would seem to be in cases where the Assignee with the consent or concurrence of the Bankrupt court sues for the benefit of the ordinary purpose of collecting the assets of the estate.

Assuming the decisions in favor of the concurrent jurisdiction of the State courts in certain classes of cases, as in Payson v. Dietz, to be correct, it would be an anomalous result, and one which we can hardly suppose Congress intended, viz: That the State courts should exercise their general concurrent jurisdiction, if the property in dispute happened to be, at the time of collecting the assets of the estate.

4. The jurisdiction of this Court under the Judiciary act is plain. Repeals by implication are not favored. Jurisdiction plainly conferred upon one court cannot be taken away from a principal jurisdiction conferring like jurisdiction upon another court.

ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH A JURYMAN.

A few days since we published the particulars of allegations contained in the affidavits of parties interested in the plaintiff side of the case of Martin v. Day, which charged a Bailiff of Judge Rogers' court with tampering with a juryman. Messrs. Dent & Black, counsels for the defendant in that suit, will produce in rebuttal the affidavits of the Bailiffs in the court, and also of one of the jurymen, the allegations of which are particularly interesting. The affidavit of John Humphrey, one of the Bailiffs of the court, sets forth that he, together with N. C. Hill, had charge of the jury in the case of Martin v. Day; but he is not certain whether he had them in charge after their retirement to consider their verdict; does not remember taking a juryman from the jury-room, but may have taken one to a room opposite Judge Tree's court, at the end of the passage, as is customary; does not remember taking cigars to the jury, but it is customary to do so when the jurymen provide the money; denies calling out to the juror, "Come out, I want to talk to you;" did not talk to a juror concerning the case, or seek to influence the jury in any way; the witnesses had no right to stand round the jury-room; think it is probable he may have ordered such loungers to stand away; acknowledges to having taken a drink with one or two jurymen, who were old acquaintances, but denies that he drank with the defendant Day, or at his expense; never conversed with Day about the trial.

N. C. Hill and John Paul, Bailiffs of the same court, make affidavits similar in allegation to the above.

Jeremiah Day, the defendant in the suit, deposes influencing the jury; says he spoke to no juryman on the trial; may have spoken to Humphrey, he being an acquaintance; denies treating the jury or Bailiffs during the trial; treated the jury after the verdict; after treating the jury, one of them called him aside and told him that a man named Brown had offered him 50 cents to decide in favor of plaintiff; does not remember the name of the juror, but thinks it was Dennis; the juror did not tell him who Brown was that made him the magnificent offer.

THE "HIGHWINES" SUIT.

In Judge Booth's room, the whole of last week was occupied in the hearing of the case of Mon Brothers v. Phillips & Carmichael, in which suit plaintiffs sought to recover the value of 190 barrels of highwines. In June, 1870, plaintiffs, who are distillers at Oquawka, Ill., sold on the Board of Trade, through their brother Wallace, to Wilson Ames & Co., of Chicago, 200 barrels of highwines to be delivered about the 20th of July following, three days' notice to be given. The responsibility of both Wallace, their agent, and Ames, the purchaser, being unknown to them, and Phillips and Carmichael having already sold highwines for plaintiffs for over 12 years, and they having confidence in their responsibility, after their agent had made said sale, employed Phillips & Carmichael to attend to the gauging up of the contract of sale, and the delivery of the wines under the contract, discharging their agent, who effected the sale, from doing anything further in the contract, and stating at the time to Phillips & Carmichael that they preferred paying a double commission for the additional security. Previous to the 10th of July thereafter, the highwines of plaintiff were destroyed by fire, and thereupon plaintiffs required defendants, when called upon for the delivery of the wines, to purchase and deliver them to Ames, at that time the price of wines having fallen. Since the contract of sale, plaintiff requested Wallace to have Ames put up an additional margin, and having become satisfied that Ames would not do so, all apprehending difficulty at the time, informed Carmichael, one of the defendants, of Ames' action, and of his apprehension of trouble arising therefrom; and told him not to let him have a dollar's worth of wines until he had received the money, which allegation defendant denies in his evidence. Phillips & Carmichael, on the 15th of July, received a notice from Ames to deliver the highwines, and on the 16th he did deliver 100 barrels, but without receiving pay therefor. Next day Ames was found to be insolvent, and on that day he pledged the wines to the Union National Bank for nearly the value thereof, shipped 50 barrels upon the Michigan Central, and had the remaining 50 barrels taken to the depot to be shipped also. Both lots were taken by Phillips & Carmichael, who replevied them by a suit against the railroad company, which defended on the ground that the bank had a lien upon the goods, and, such defense proving successful, retained the wines to the extent of the bank's claim. The defendants insisted, upon the trial, that upon the custom prevailing in Chicago at the time of delivering the wines, they had until the day after delivery upon which to make collection for plaintiff, and that Ames having failed next day, they were not bound to account to plaintiffs for the value of the articles, and that plaintiff had not given instructions with regard to not delivering without prepayment. The Court reserved his decision in the case. C. M. Harris for plaintiff; Goudy and Chandler for defendant.

CRIMINAL COURT ITEMS.

The North Evanston quo warranto case came up in the Criminal Court Saturday morning, on a motion by defendants to quash the information filed by the relator, on the ground that the petition asked for leave to file an information against several parties defendant, and the information filed in court was against but one of the defendants, Fulton, the President of the Board of Trustees. The motion was overruled, and exceptions taken by the defendants.

The three men, O'Grady, Flynn, and McNamara, the particulars of whose brutal assault upon one Charles Smith we published in Saturday's TRIBUNE, filed an appearance in the court, and renewed the bail. The case was then set for trial on Tuesday next.

The Hickey-Lonergan contempt case was disposed of by Judge Booth Saturday.

THE COURTS IN BRIEF.

In the Superior Court, Richard R. Moore has filed his bill against Margaret M., and James E. Bay, asking for the establishment and confirmation of his title to that part of the E. ½ of S. E. ¼ of Sec. 9, T. 40, N. R. 13, E. of 3 P. M., commencing at the northwest corner of said E. ½ of said S. E. ¼ of said Sec. 9, thence running E. 20 rods, thence S. 80 rods, thence W. 20 rods, thence N. 80 rods to place of beginning, containing ten acres more or less, excepting a strip of land 66 feet wide running across said tract owned by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company; also, excepting a strip of land running along the whole east side of said tract 7 links in width.

The National Bank of Chicago file a bill in assumpsit against the members of the firm of Hawkins, Willard & Co., claiming $20,000 damages. The action is brought upon three promissory notes, the first dated April 1, 1872, for $1,250; the second dated May 10, 1872, for $2,000; the third dated July 6, 1872, for $5,000, all payable with interest, after maturity, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum.

William Reve, Robert F. Wallace, and William C. Warren file in the Circuit Court a petition for mechanics' lien on the Ogden House, on the northwest corner of Franklin and Fulton-streets. Complainant alleges that at the instance of one N. Cameron, agent for John King, Jr., proprietor of said hotel, purchased from complainant 188 barrels of lime, at $1 a barrel, for which the defendant agreed to pay at the current market price for the material, no contract as to price being made; that complainant made out his bill at $1 a barrel, which defendant acknowledged to be a fair price, and agreed to pay the said bill; that other persons besides J. King, Jr., claim a title to the Ogden House, wherefore complainant asks that the Court will discover and disclose who are the actual proprietors of the house and the land on which it is built; also, what incumbrances, if any, are on the property, and asks a decree for the lien holding such liens; and that complainants have a mechanics' lien upon the property of $188.

In the matter of Peter M. Livingston et al., bankrupts, an order was entered approving of Assignee's sale of farm stock.

In the matter of Charles S. Ubeller, bankrupt, an order was entered approving the Assignee's sale of stock, etc., at Morton Grove.

In the matter of Wm. Weitzel, bankrupt, an order was entered approving of the sale of desperate accounts.

In the matter of H. E. Hubbard, at the second meeting of creditors a dividend of 12 per cent was declared.

In the Circuit Court, the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad Company file a petition for right of way over the following property, with the owners of which, Mary and Daniel Clancy, they are unable to agree as to its value: Lot 17, in Block 7, Carpenter's Addition to Chicago.

Leopold Cohn files his precipe in trespass on the case, in the Superior Court, against Louis S. Tiffany, W. S. Culton, Geo. T. McKnight, the Allemania Insurance Company, and the Mellville Insurance Company. Some time since petitioner's place was burned down, and he, having it insured in the Mellville Insurance Company, obtained the amount of his policies. Some time after he was arrested in Omaha, of the insurance, and brought for trial to Chicago. He was acquitted, and in the present action he seeks to recover $10,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

The Mechanics' Bank file a precipe in the Supreme Court against Frank R. Hawthorne, Thomas Ward, and Volney H. Roscoe, in a plea of assumpsit; damages $5,000.

Harriett E. Bayley files a precipe in assumpsit in the Circuit Court against Edmund F. Hazleton and Sidney B. Andrews; damages $2,000.

NEW SUITS.

THE SUPREME COURT.—43,512—Richard R. Moore v. Margaret M. Bay et al.; petition to establish and confirm title.

43,513—The Mechanics' National Bank of Chicago v. Frank R. Hawkins, Thomas R. Willard, and Volney H. Roscoe, partners doing business under the firm name of Hawkins, Willard & Co.; assumpsit, $20,000.

43,514—Albert E. Banks v. The Chicago & Michigan Lake Shore Railroad Company; trespass on the case; $800.

43,515—Leopold Cohn v. Henry S. Tiffany, Wm. S. Culton, Geo. T. McKnight, and the Mellville Insurance Company; trespass on the case, $10,000.

43,516—Moses A. Thayer v. Christian Thielmann; petition for mechanic's lien on S. ½ of Lot 17, Block 7, Carpenter's Addition to Chicago, commencing on Clybourne avenue and running back full depth of said Lot 17, and the theatre erected thereon.

43,517—People ex relation Thomas Lyndon v. John L. Hancock et al.; petition for writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Ella Lyndon, petitioner's wife.

43,518—S. L. Sellers et al. v. Henry Faggin; confession of judgment, $287.50.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—7,063—William Kerr & Co. v. John King, Jr.; assumpsit, $253. 7,065—Harriet C. Sayles v. Edmund F. Hazelton and Sidney B. Andrews; assumpsit, $3,000. 7,067—Appeal. 7,068—Samuel P. Leach v. Tyrell Leach et al.; assumpsit, $500. 7,069, 7,070—Appeals. 7,071—Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad Company v. Mary and Daniel Clancey; petition for right of way. 7,072—John J. Brown v. James E. Cole; debt, $500. 7,073-V—Appeal.

THE SUPREME COURT.

OTTAWA, Ill., May 24.—The following causes have been decided and opinions filed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to-day:

16. Walker v. Peeples. Reversed and remanded; dissenting opinion by Scott, J.

11. First National Bank of Monmouth v. Whitman et al. Reversed and remanded.

21. McCormick v. Sims. Reversed and remanded.

63. Burson v. Dow et al. Decree affirmed.

94. Harding v. Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad Company et al. Decree reversed, with directions.

97. Hubbard v. Rogers. Affirmed.

104. Harris v. Whitmore. Reversed and remanded.

120. Spellman et al. v. Mathewson et al. Affirmed.

130. Johnson v. Von Kettler. Reversed and remanded.

146. Stuart v. Hamilton. Reversed and remanded.

164. Wilson et al. v. Marlow. Reversed and remanded.

178. Robey v. City of Chicago. Affirmed.

196. Tyler et al. v. Daniels et al. Reversed and remanded, with leave, etc.

198. Smith v. Goodell et al. Decree affirmed and bill discharged.

212. Freeman et al. v. Freeman. Affirmed.

213. Comstock v. Kennett et al. Affirmed.

231. Brobston v. Cahill. Reversed and remanded.

232. Hearth v. Rhodes. Affirmed.

244. City of Dixon v. Baker. Reversed and remanded.

252. Commissioner of Highways of Yorktown v. Banker et al. Reversed.

266. Madill v. Compton. Reversed and remanded.

268. Hall v. Jarvis et al. Affirmed and modified.

269. Wormley v. Gregg. Affirmed.

281. Dennis v. Dennis. Decree reversed and remanded.

316. Shelton v. Franklin. Reversed.

321. Ball et al. v. Healy et al. Reversed and remanded.

323. Nelson et al. v. Smith. Reversed and remanded.

324. Mason et al. v. Brenner. Reversed and remanded.

343. Wood v. Tucker et al. Affirmed.

348. Wiley et al. v. Ewalt. Decree reversed and bill discharged.

362. Kingsbury v. Buckner et al. Decree reversed and remanded.

372. Lafayette, B. & M. Railway Company v. Winslow et al. Affirmed and remanded.

374. Russell v. Kosler. Affirmed.

377. Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company v. Hack. Affirmed.

378. Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company v. Tyler. Affirmed.

379. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company v. Fisher. Affirmed.

381. O'Connor v. Reddy. Reversed and remanded.

383. Goodwin v. Goodwin. Affirmed.

386. Hughes et al. v. Washington, Extr. Decree reversed and remanded.

387. Hughes et al. v. Washington, Extr. Decree reversed and remanded.

391. Hazelbacker v. Goodfellow. Reversed and remanded.

393. Bickmore v. Harding. Decree affirmed.

415. The People ex rel. Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company v. Chapman et al. Mandamus refused.

426. Kennedy v. Kennedy. Reversed and remanded.

430. Wells v. City of Chicago. Reversed and remanded.

437. Wolf et al. v. Ogden, administrator. Decree reversed and remanded.

471. Seeger et al. v. City of Chicago. Reversed and remanded.

LOUISIANA.

The Congressional Excursion Party Bored by the Kellogg and McEnery Factions---The Fort St. Philip Canal Scheme---The Custom-House Ring and the Towing Swindle---Sypher and Warmoth---The President's Proclamation---How it is Regarded.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—The Congressional party returned from the mouth of the river at 8 a. m., and have by special train for the North at 4 p. m.

The partisans of both Kellogg and McEnery are doing all they know to gain adherents among the Congressmen, and they have so far succeeded that a few Representatives will remain over and partake of the private hospitalities of Kellogg, Warmoth, McEnery, and other politicians. None of the Congressmen have committed themselves to ad espousal of either side, but they listen respectfully to all statements in order to take action in the next Congress, and nearly all the Representatives are pledged to support the Fort St Philip Canal scheme. It is judged feasible, there being only one lock requisite, and the remainder of the work consists of mere excavating, except at the mouth of the river, where some jetties are to be put up. The cost will be $6,000,000 to $7,000,000. An attempt is made to lead this simple scheme with all sorts of improvements, estimated to cost nearly $30,000,000 in the aggregate, but the Congressmen are unanimous that the scheme will not bear loading with anything else.

The present channels were 17 feet deep, and can be kept by the present appropriations at a convenient depth of 20 feet, but the Government dredging officers complain that the Tow-Boat Company, which is said to be owned by the Custom-House ring, with Grant's brother-in-law, Casey, at their head, deliberately run ships ashore. When they are forced to tow them in, they pretend there is no water. When they can avoid towing them in they do so, preferring to let them stick in the mud until the tugs are called to tow them off into port, at the rate of $1,000 per hour. The officers say they can keep up the present depth of 20 feet, but, with such a game as this going on, it is practically useless to do so. They therefore favor the canal. Some anger was displayed by the friends of the Tow-Boat Company at these candid disclosures, but Gilmore, Glynn, Maj. Howell, and Capt. Davis did not flinch. A pilot testified that he had run a vessel ashore by orders, so as to secure the $1,000 per hour for the Tow-Boat Company.

Mr. Sypher, one of Kellogg's members of Congress, and ex-Gov. Warmoth, yesterday evening, had a sharp battle of words on board the boat, and an exchange of pistol shots was momentarily expected. Sypher charged Warmoth with having been one of the biggest steals in Louisiana ever known, and Warmoth retorted that Sypher was "mad because he did not have a hand in."

Both parties are deluging the Congressmen, who listen a great deal and say nothing, with political addresses, tracts, and pamphlets.

No effect whatever was produced by Grant's proclamation. It is regarded as having been insisted on by Senator Carpenter, and Senator Carpenter is regarded as a man who has stated views. Grant has in effect only reaffirmed to the views he expressed to his constituents in Wisconsin. The people have lost faith in him, and speak of him as one who is as ready to do Grant's bidding at any of the Capitols. They certainly seem here to be hand-in-glove with Kellogg, if all that is said be true, and his published utterances are exactly what one would not have expected of him.

No language can describe the bitter feeling here. Nearly to a man the merchants, traders, and better classes insist that their choice, and the choice of the people, was McEnery, and they angrily denounce the Federal Government for interfering. They say that Grant would withdraw the troops, they would settle their own affairs themselves inside of ten hours.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—The *Evening Times* has the following:

At 8 o'clock in the morning, the time appointed for the departure of the Belle Lee on her trip to the passes with the Congressional delegation and their friends, passengers by the train and those already on the stages of this boat. They gathered in large numbers on the forward deck to await the coming of others who were to make up the full complement of the excursion party. At last, about 9 o'clock, Congressmen, all the wicker baskets with numerous labelled on them, and all the ice and their fixings, were safely aboard; the mate shouted out in his stentorian voice, "Let go all!" and the Belle, with two or three scouts from her escape-pipes, the floating palace backed out from the wharf, her cannon pealed forth a farewell salute from Orleans and, with a triumphant air, the thousands on the wharf waved and cheered, and the boat, turning her head up the stream, after passing the long line of shipping which lines our levee, steamed up to Jackson, crossed over the strong current of the middle, and sought the mouth of the great river which bears the wealth and the bounty of the earth from the mountains to the sea. The Congressional delegation were pleased as they went by the United States barracks, and was still being fired when the swift steamer reached the earthworks of the old battle-ground and the monument of the gallant Packenham. The latter was kindly pointed out and eagerly sought by the strangers. The great cane-fields, the banana and orange groves, all had their charms for the visitors, for the sights of the growth of a semi-tropic clime were very interesting to men who had come from the great States of the West, where, although a generous soil brings the harvest, the days of verdure are more limited in number. They seemed especially interested in what was formerly the demesne of Judah P. Benjamin, on the Belle Chasse plantation, now owned by Mr. Stackhouse, and they spoke of the glory the expatriated statesman is gaining by his talent in another land. This is one of the finest in the State, and the beautiful dwelling and grounds are calculated to excite the admiration of all who behold them.

Jeanette's Bend, one of the great rice-producing districts of Louisiana, next occupied their attention, and occasioned much comment from our visitors, who looked at the green fields and made comparisons between the enormous financial returns of this product and the wheat of the West, passing them by. The boat soon reached Myrtle Grove, which the band saluted with the old sweet air, "Home Sweet Home," as a tribute to those who are spending there. The immediate estate of Mr. Bredell, Johnson attracted a great deal of attention, and the neat, trim fields of these plantations showed many on what a grand scale such sugar was formerly cultivated in this State, for in old times all the places were like these. The far-famed plantation of Mr. Lawrence, at Magnolia, had been anxiously inquired after by the Congressmen, who had heard in other States of this district of country, but few had seen it. They were not disappointed, for soon its immense green fields of cane burst on the view, and many were the exclamations of delight with which its first appearance was greeted. In the fields were the sugar-cane engines, dragging ponderous steam-plows through the soil, besides many other great objects, such as the sugar-house, which is a massive building, and the orange-groves, which the fruit-bearing season of the year in the world. The men from the great Western farm country were specially interested in the steam plows and their amazing exclamation when they saw them was, "That means business."

At Magnolia the boat rounded to, and took on board the Hon. Effingham Lawrence, who was most enthusiastically received and warmly greeted by all on board. Passed the rice fields and rice mills of Pointe Aux Hache, the last town this side of the Gulf. Fort Jackson and St. Philip were in sight. The frowning guns in these grim fortifications recalled the smoke and flame they hurled forth in our civil war, but the old soldiers, who were aboard, merely laughed and told stories of the war, which showed that those on board were at least reunited.

The great object of interest on the trip was the site of the Fort St. Philip Canal, which the party visited. When the small building that makes the proposed beginning of the work hove in sight the deck was thronged by those who were anxious to see and hear the first blow struck. The Congressmen of the West looked at the narrow strip of low alluvial which bars the great river from the deep waters of the gulf, and seemed to see at once the practicability of the project, while spoke of the feasibility and cheapness of cutting through this narrow neck, and foretold the great results accruing from it to the great valley. They were infused with ardor at the prospect of an unobstructed outlet for the pent-up granaries of the West. They seemed to enter into the project with heart, head, and soul and one especially was so much carried away as to say, "We will march New Orleans and the Lower part of its great rivals of New York, and ten years will see the fulfillment of this prophesy."

After arriving at the proposed route of this canal, and stopping there long enough for all parties to make their observations, the party turned about on her trip to Pass Al Outre. Before reaching their destination the gong sounded for dinner, the viands and wine of which were in keeping with the other hospitalities extended on the occasion of this distinguished visit. The ascertainable discussed the topics of the day with the merits of pompom roast-beef and turkey, while their appetites were suggested by the fresh, balmy gulf breezes which had been blowing all day. The substantial salads and liquids of life occupied them for some time, and the feast was truly one of reason, while the after-feast had an abundant flow of soul and kindly sentiment. The champagne sparkling in many goblets with the sparkle of wit and repartee for a long time kept the company full of life, humor, and happiness. Even a poor joke was at one time rescued, and even relished, because all parties had an excessively kindly feeling toward each other. But the bounteous feast was at last brought to a close. Those who were able to oversee the compartments inflicted on the "Beautiful Belle," at the Pass Al'Outre Station, where she had stopped, and, embarking on the "Beautiful Creole," sought the open gulf beyond the bar. With an inspiring air, the band bade farewell for a while to those who chose to remain, and the more lively excursionists sought deep waters outside the bar. The sound of the surf and the life-giving sea-breeze seemed to impart new vigor to these dwellers on the land, while with a bound the swift steamer left the calm and entered upon the wide expanse of the Gulf, passing, at times, through waves. Everybody was interested in the dim lines of smoke which were rising far at sea below the horizon, and where now and then a dark steamer or tow passed. The band gave a farewell serenade as they gilded by.

In her course the Creole passed near the dredge-boat E. S. Sayons, which was hard at work dredging out the channel. Those who had often heard of this vessel and her operations for the benefit of commerce were particularly interested in watching her removing the mud. The Creole, after running a short distance out to sea, returned to the bar, which the steamer Alabama was crossing at the time. Soundings were taken in going across for the benefit of the excursionists, who seemed surprised at the depth of the water. Then up the Pass by the light-house, standing like a grim sentinel on the sand, who waved her gay hats to the boat, which was quietly awaiting her return. The Creole transferred the passengers who had gone out to the bar back to the Belle Lee at 7 p.m., and the latter steamer, backing out of the Pass Al'Outre wharf, started on the homeward-bound trip. Shortly after supper, a convention was called in the ladies' cabin, which consisted of all the members of the Congressional delegation and many distinguished citizens of New Orleans. The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Wiltz in the chair, and was addressed by J. H. Oglesby, Esq., and Judge Packard, who demonstrated all the advantages of the Mississippi export route over all by rail and coastwise commercial lines in the country. They brought up figures and facts to substantiate their assertions, and then how cheaply this St. Philip canal could be excavated, and how a vessel of any draught or tonnage would then be able to come to our port, while now the bar obstruction kept heavy vessels from coming in, and thus occasioned a great scarcity of export tonnage of New Orleans.

After our citizens had expressed their views on the subject of the necessity of this canal, the immense advantages it would bring to the West, the Congressmen of every faction were called on, and each gave his opinion on the scheme in a short speech. More than twenty Congressmen of the West and South, men of influence and standing, took the floor, and all entertained the same opinion as to the necessity of this canal. They condemned the legislation of the Government for so long neglecting the Mississippi River, and said that as the last Congress just appropriated $4,000,000 to paving to the streets of Washington with granite and wood, that the should at least pay $6,000,000 to the completion of a scheme which was of paramount importance to the whole Western and Southern country. They said that Eastern capitalists refused to invest their money in the products of the West too long, and that the fact of not finding a route for exporting their products was getting up a condition of starvation with the immense population of these States; that a quantity of grain had been burned during the past year because it would not pay the cost of transportation; that this was the route that the God of Nature had marked out as the natural one for the great granaries of the West, and down this route the grain would be forced to come. They hinted that if the men of the East could find no better way of spending their power than decorating the Capitol and big seaboard towns, they would combine with the South and serve the Government Capital and all to St. Louis, where it would be better carried for. They said that New Orleans was destined to become the great city of the continent, and that no city in the world possessed such many natural advantages. They intended, to a man, to bring this matter of giving the Mississippi a deep outlet before Congress at its next session, and force action upon it. They had all decided to give a clear Erie support, and some said that, if $30,000,000 were necessary to this, they would demand it from the National Government, as a right of the West.

The Kenwha and Ohio delegation stated route were then discussed, but this of the Mississippi they considered of paramount importance to all others. The Red and Arkansas and Mexico and the Antilles were tempting objects that were waiting for us to step in and take them, and relieve them from their intolerable Governments; and that, with the accession of these, New Orleans would be their great port of exchange.

Major Howell, United States Engineer, was called upon to give his views, and express his opinion as to the feasibility of the project; also to state the result of his survey. This gentleman clearly illustrated the practicability of the scheme, and showed them that the proposed connection of the canal with the Mississippi was six miles below Fort St. Philip, and it would have to be dug nearly out to the Breton Island channel, where there was from 18 to 20 feet water at low tide. He also explained the manner in which the banks were to be kept from being washed in. He stated that a great objection had been made to the project on the supposition that the ground it was not of firm enough to bear the foundation of the locks, but recent boring has discovered a solid mass whereupon the foundation could be built.

Before the convention adjourned Mayor Wiltz read the Congressional Excursion Party Bored by the Kellogg and McEnery Factions---The Fort St. Philip Canal Scheme---The Custom-House Ring and the Towing Swindle---Sypher and Warmoth---The President's Proclamation---How it is Regarded. Mayor of Vicksburg, inviting the party to visit that city, which was declined.

Gen. Hayes then made a speech to the Convention, after which, at 2 A. M., the meeting adjourned.

The Committee of Arrangements have done everything in their power to render the trip agreeable to its excursionists, and if the faces of all are indicative of their feelings, every one has enjoyed himself to the fullest extent.

Great hopes are expressed by all parties in the results of this ocular demonstration to members of Congress of the necessity of one channel, and they say, cost what it may, they are going to help us along every way.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A New Orleans (La.) special says: "Ex-Gov. Warmoth has begun a suit for libel against the editor and proprietor of the New Orleans *Times*, and fixed his damages at $25,000. The article complained of was published on the 19th inst., and charged Warmoth of having become a creditor to the Mississippi & Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company to the amount of $65,000 through his official action as Governor."

The New Orleans *Republican* announces, editorially, Judge Durell's determination to resign, and recommends that to be given a foreign mission.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Attorney-General this morning received a dispatch stating that the Supreme Court of Louisiana has just decided two cases of contempt for office under the "Intrusion act," and in both cases the legality of the officers holding under the Kellogg Government was sustained.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—A special Cabinet meeting was held to-day, at which the Civil Service Advisory Board was present to consider the question of Civil Service Reform in relation to the governmental departments here. A majority of the members of the Board are in favor of a system of rules and regulations which will ignore all other considerations save fitness for the various departmental positions. Such a system pays no respect to locality, to relationship, or to political influences. It simply insists upon a set of rules, moral, intellectual, and physical, which, when complied with on the part of the applicant, settles his appointment beyond the reach of further consideration. The only restriction in this direction is to so distribute the appointments that this city and immediate vicinity will not appropriate a disproportionate share of the clerkships. The same restrictions will not apply to the States generally. The discussion on this subject to-day lasted nearly an hour, and was entered into warmly by all present. The President asked the members of the Cabinet and of the Advisory Board present, to submit their views in a conversational manner. There was no special opposition to the plan proposed, and it is inferred from this that if the Advisory Board make a report in favor of their new views, that it will meet with no opposition on the part of the Government. It is proposed to do away with the system of competitive examinations for clerkships. The suggestion is that nominations to be appointed, who shall possess the requisite moral, intellectual, and who shall pass upon the qualifications of aspirants for departmental positions.

[To the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The balances in the Treasury of the United States at the close of business to-day were: Currency, $4,574,599; special deposits of legal-tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $28,900,000; coin, $75,103,277, including $26,430,100 in coin certificates; outstanding legal-tenders, $356,-665,020.

COURT-MARTIAL.

A general court-martial is appointed to meet at Leavenworth, Kansas, June 2, for the trial of First Lieut. Charles T. Davis, Tenth Infantry, First Lieut. Henry F. Leggett, Twenty-Fourth Infantry, and such others as may be ordered before it.

NAVAL ORDERS.

First Lieut. C. S. Hooper has been detached from the revenue steamer Hamilton, at Wilmington, Del., and ordered to the Tuscarora, at Detroit.

A FINANCIAL GRIEVANCE.

The report that the Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the transfer of $2,000,000 of gold from San Francisco to Washington is untrue. On the contrary, the Treasury is short of greenbacks, and to the Government has accumulated as far as $9,000,000 of gold in San Francisco, where now there are only some $4,500,000, and the new greenbacks in circulation on the Pacific coast do not require replacement, so present overlapping of any kind.

RAILROAD LAND GRANT.

The Secretary of the Interior has overruled the application of the Mobile & Missouri River Railroad Company for a reversal of his decision recently given in favor of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railway Company involving a title to certain lands covered by overlapping land grants.

POSTMASTER.

The President has appointed Darius Sullivan as Postmaster at Clinton, Mo.

Heavy Land Slide.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—A heavy and serious land slide has occurred on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad, in a deep cut near Southampton, 23 miles west of Cumberland. The first fall of earth and rocks took place on Saturday last, another on Tuesday, and it has been falling at intervals since, and the track is now covered to the depth of 50 feet and for a distance of 10 or 100 feet. A large force of men has been at work day and night hauling around the cut a temporary track, which was completed to-day.

Crime in New England.

BOSTON, May 24.—James O. Coe to-day filed a denial of the charge that he has made fraudulent conveyances to cheat his creditors, and the case will go to the jury next week.

James W. Eldridge, of North Harwich, has been held for trial on the charge of committing an assault on his father from which he died.

Wagner, the slayer of Shoals murderer, was arraigned at Alfred, Me., to-day, and pleaded not guilty. He also entered a plea of a want of jurisdiction.

The Labor Question.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 24.—In Woonsocket the Ten-Hour Committee have advised the factory operatives to return to work. The strike may be regarded as ended.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Carpenters' Society has given notice that its members will only work eight hours on and after Monday next. This action of the journeymen carpenters in waiting until the plans of buildings for the year are made out, and then striking unless their demands for the enforcement of the eight-hour system is complied with, is strongly condemned by the "bosses." Business is said to be very dull, and employers assert that they will not yield to the demand. They say they can better afford to be idle than to lose

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

McVICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between Dearborn and State. Engagement of Edwin Adams. "Enoch Arden."

HOOLEY'S THEATRE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. "Through Fire."

AIKEN'S THEATRE—Wabash avenue, corner of Congress street. The Laura Keene Comedy Combination. "Hunted Down; or, the Two Lives of Mary Leigh."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, between Madison and Monroe. Theatre Comique Combination.

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. "The Children of Cyprus."

BUSINESS NOTICES.

LYON'S INSECT POWDER STANDS ALONE AS A safe exterminator of roaches, bed-bugs, lunacies, ants, and fleas.

TO ALL AND PARTICULARLY INVALIDS. this is a trying season. Indications of sickness should at once be met. Fatal diseases may be caused by allowing the bowels to become constipated and the system to remain in a disordered condition, until the disorder has had time to develop itself. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, is an old and truthful saying. Therefore, we advise all who are troubled with the complaints arising from derangement of the digestive organs, such as costiveness, indigestion, disordered liver, want of appetite, nausea, or feverish skin, to take, without delay, Dr. Schenck's Mandrake Pills. We know of no remedy so harmless and decisive in its action. It at once strikes at the root of the disease, and produces a healthy tone to the system. People never need suffer from any disease arising from a disordered condition of the liver if they would take this excellent medicine when they feel the first indications of the malady. Families leaving home for the summer months should take these pills with them. They have an almost instantaneous effect. They will relieve the patient of headache in one or two hours, and will rapidly cleanse the liver of surrounding bile, and will effectually prevent a bilious attack. They are sold by all druggists.

The Chicago Tribune.

Monday Morning, May 26, 1873.

Business at Montevideo is suspended on account of the yellow fever.

The Pope threatens with the Anathema all the leaders of the movement to confiscate the property of the Italian monasteries.

About two and a half millions of dollars have been appropriated by the States General of Holland for the war against the Atcheenese.

It is doubtful whether Cuba will have any representation in the Constituent Cortes for which delegates have been chosen lately in Spain. The Ministry have postponed the day named for the election in Cuba, and have neglected to name any other.

The mildness and decency of tone in the *Sunday Times* of yesterday indicates that the admonition of the Rev. Dr. Sullivan, on the preceding Sunday, was well-timed and effective. It is rarely that so great a revolution is accomplished at so little expense.

A number of Massachusetts physicians of the "regular" school have lately ventured to adopt homeopathic principles and remedies in their practice. For this innovation they have been solemnly arraigned before the Massachusetts Medical Society, of which they were members, tried, and declared guilty of conduct unbecoming honorable physicians. Their expulsion from the Society is recommended.

Terrible ruin have followed the tornado in Iowa, and a flood is feared. The Iowa, Des Moines, and Beacon Rivers are rising and overrunning the bottom lands along their course. Along the DesMoines the water has risen to within ten feet of the bridges, many of the wharves are flooded, and the river is rapidly reaching a point beyond which it cannot go without creating wide-spread disaster.

All the beer-saloons of the North Side were open yesterday, in defiance of the law, and in pursuance of the programme adopted by the Saloon-Keepers' Union. No arrests were made as the law does not, in the case of violations of the Sunday-closing ordinance, permit the summary interference of the police when the 11 o'clock ordinance is broken. The police were instructed to make note of every case in which the law was transgressed, and the offenders will be summoned before the Police Justices.

The Vienna money market has been greatly relieved by the advances which the Austrian Government has been freely making to all who could offer good securities. By this course, many substantial firms who were compelled to suspend, because in the general fright even the best property was unsalable, have been enabled to resume. In Germany, the Government has a large amount of the French indemnity on hand, the distribution of which among the different States will probably alleviate all monetary stringency.

Mr. J. Perry Johnson is a candidate for Circuit Judge in the Centralia District in this State, and M. G. Bevill, the editor of the Salem *Advocate*, has charged in his paper that Mr. Johnson offered him $50 for his support and that of his paper. Mr. Johnson has published a reply, in which he denies the charge, and prints a "confidential" letter from Bevill to Johnson, in which he (Bevill) asks Johnson to send him $100 "to meet the expenses of the canvass." In reply, Mr. Bevill reiterates his charge, but has nothing to say about the letter in which he asked Mr. Johnson for $100 "to meet the expenses of the canvass." It looks very much as though the Salem editor had the worst of the fight.

The Adams (Mass.) *Transcript*, a Republican newspaper, makes a charge against one E. R. Tinker, the Collector of Internal Revenue in that district, which has the appearance of truth. Tinker was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention and an active supporter of Henry Wilson for the nomination of Vice-President. The contest between Wilson and Colfax was very close. "Tinker," says the *Transcript*, "at last discovered a chance to buy up one of the Southern delegations elected and pledged to Colfax. This delighted him immensely. He opened negotiations at once with the leader of the delegation, ascertained his price for himself and the rest, and then went round and collected the money, and with *his own hands paid over the cash to this leader*. He then pushed his way through the Convention to the rear of the President's desk and made an arrangement with him to recognize this leader when he should rise to declare the vote of his State. When the time came, this purchased leader rose, and cast the vote of that State for Wilson, and this decided the election, and Colfax was defeated." This is a direct charge, made in Mr. Tinker's district, in Mr. Wilson's State, and by a journal of good standing in the Republican party. It can scarcely have been manufactured out of whole cloth, and the revelation is an interesting one.

The Chicago produce markets were stronger on Saturday, under a better speculative demand. Mess pork was in good request, and advanced 35c per bbl, closing easier at $15.60 cash, and $16.00@16.10 seller July. Lard was quiet, and 20c per 100 lbs higher, at $8.40 cash, and $8.90@8.95 seller July. Meats were quiet and steady, at 6@6¼c for shoulders, 8@8¼c for short ribs, 8¼@8¾c for short clear, and 10@12c for sweet pickled hams. Lake freights were dull and firm, at 6c asked for corn to Buffalo. Highwines were quiet and strong at ½c advance, closing at 91@91½c per gallon. Flour was quiet and unchanged. Wheat was in fair demand, and ½c higher, closing at $1.29½ cash, and $1.27½ seller June. Corn was quiet, and ¾@¾c higher, closing at 38¾c cash, and 39c seller June. Oats were quiet and unchanged, closing at 31¾c cash, and 31¾c seller June. Rye was dull and ½c lower, at 68¾c. Barley was dull and unchanged, at 70@80c for poor to good No. 2. Hogs were in better demand, and were firmer, selling at $4.60@4.95. There was a liberal movement in beef cattle at full prices, sales making at $3.50@6.40. Sheep were quiet.

Marshal MacMahon, who succeeds Thiers as President of France, is of Irish descent, and belongs to a family who gave all they had to the cause of the Stuarts. When this cause was hopelessly lost, they refused to give their allegiance to the Government of King William, and carried their proud name and family traditions to France, where their blood soon was merged with that of the nobility. President MacMahon is but a few years younger than ex-President Thiers. He was born in 1808. His career has been a military one from the beginning till Saturday, when he assumed political duties for the first time. He began service in 1830, in Algiers. He was in the Crimea, and, when Sebastopol was stormed, he was chosen as the fittest officer to attempt the works of the Malakoff. How brilliantly he succeeded every one knows. His part in the victory of Magenta won him the title of Duke of Magenta from Louis Napoleon. In the ill-fated war with Prussia his star was less propitious, and he was defeated at Woerth and Beaumont. He was chief in command at Sedan, but was so fortunate as to receive a severe wound early in the day, which saved him the mortification of surrendering. This humiliation devolved upon his successor, Gen. Wimpffen, who signed the articles of capitulation. He was successful in the defense of Paris against the Commune, and was of great assistance to President Thiers in the organization of the army. The nearest approach to civil office to be found in the record of President MacMahon's life is his refusal to accept a nomination from the Parisian Press Union to represent Paris in the National Assembly. In his communication to the President of the National Assembly accepting the Presidency, he promises to discharge its duties with the help of God and the army.

MR. A. M. CRAIG'S RECORD.

The opponents of Judge Lawrence boastfully talk and write upon the brilliant record made by Mr. A. M. Craig as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1870. We propose to give that record, word for word, during the five months' session. There is not, perhaps, another man in Illinois who has ever held public place who has made such a barren and empty record, or who would ask any man to look at a record which, from its poverty-stricken character, shows an utter want of ability, of ordinary comprehension of business, of common intelligence, and respectable industry. The fact is, Mr. Craig was elected to the Convention by a sort of petty intrigue. Knox County had been "torn" on the question of the removal of the county seat from Knoxville to Galesburg. The county is overwhelmingly Republican. The Republican candidate was suspected of favoring Galesburg. Craig, who was a Democrat, offered to protect Knoxville on the county-seat question, and therefore received, in addition to the Democratic vote, the Republican vote that was favorable to Knoxville, and was elected. Reaching the Convention by a trick of this petty character, he sat in that body, day after day and month after month, as stolid and as useless as a wooden man. Of the eighty-two members of that body, he ranked as the most inconsequential, not in any one particular, but in all things. On committees he was utterly useless. He could not even argue the county-seat question. He debated nothing, and his entire action on the special question for which he was elected was confined to moving a verbal amendment, which amendment, when assailed by others, he was not able to defend, but begged John Scholfield to say something for it. In a body of men of average intellect and experience, he seemed from first to last to be wholly out of his sphere,—a man who had dropped into some place for which he was totally unfitted. To show that we have not mistaken his record, we give from the volumes of Convention proceedings everything he said and did in that body. Here is the whole story:

1869—Dec. 13. Alfred M. Craig attended the Convention, and was sworn.

Dec. 17. Moved that a pending resolution be referred, and said:

Mr. President: It appears from the discussion that many members do not fully understand this question. Many, also, do not fully understand exactly what they ought to do under the present circumstances. So far as I am concerned, sir, I am opposed to voting sixty copies of papers; and in order that the matter may be brought before the Convention; in order that the members may understand exactly what they are to do, and act understandingly in this matter, I move that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Printing hereafter to be appointed. When the committee is appointed and investigates this matter, and reports to the Convention, then from the report we can understand and see exactly what we ought to do, and what would be proper under the circumstances.

So far as squandering the people's money is concerned, of course we all agree that that should not be done. But, sir, one of the rules that we have adopted requires us to us to keep a journal of the proceedings of this Convention, and it requires us, as I understand the rule, to publish those proceedings. Now, sir, if they can be properly published, and published under proper restrictions, the knowledge can be disseminated to the people. I think every man upon this floor will be in favor of a measure of that kind, and, in order that we may have this matter reported thoroughly before us, I move, as I said before, to refer the whole matter to the committee hereafter to be appointed.

Dec. 20. (The vote being taken on a motion.)

Mr. Craig (his name being called) said: I would inquire if this is a motion to reconsider? As I understand the rules of the Committee on Judiciary, a motion to reconsider is not such a one as would be in order in this connection. I raise the question that it is not in order, for the reason that two business days have transpired since the motion was carried, as I understand it. I call the attention of the Chair to Rule 34.

Same day. Mr. Craig—Mr. President: I desire to introduce the following resolution, and move its reference to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jan. 6. Mr. Craig—I have a communication, also, from citizens of Abingdon, Knox County, which I wish to have referred to the Committee on Suffrage.

Jan. 10. Mr. Craig offered a resolution, relating to County Boards, which was read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Jan. 19. Mr. Craig—Mr. President, I desire to offer a resolution.

Jan. 12. "Mr. Craig offered a resolution concerning banking corporations, which was referred."

Jan. 13. Mr. Craig—I have been directed by the Committee on Counties to report the following resolution, and ask for its adoption. I will state that this resolution was unanimously adopted by the Committee on Counties. We found that it was very necessary that we should have some maps in order to expedite our business. Therefore, the Committee directed me to report that resolution and ask for its adoption. Some members of the Committee thought we ought to have one map for each member of the Committee. So far as I am concerned, it is entirely immaterial.

Jan. 22. Mr. Truesdale obtained leave of absence for Mr. Craig, of Knox.

Jan. 27. Mr. Craig—Mr. President, the Committee on Counties, to which was referred Art. 7 of the Constitution, have directed me to submit the following report. Mr. President, I move 200 copies of both reports be printed, and that they be made the special order for the 21st of February.

Feb. 25. Mr. Vandeventer obtained leave of absence for Mr. Craig, of Knox.

March 16. Mr. Craig—Mr. President, I wish to offer the following resolutions (concerning the death of Mr. Kirkpatrick).

Same day. Mr. Craig—Mr. President: In order that Warren County may be represented in the Convention during the remainder of the session, I offer the following resolution (ordering an election).

Mr. Medill—I wish to inquire if that is the day of the spring election?

Mr. Craig—Yes, sir.

April 28. The county-seat question being under consideration—

Mr. Craig—Mr. President, I move to strike out the word "majority," as it now stands, and insert the word "three-fifths."

Same day. A proposition for the appointment of Masters of Chancery and fixing their compensation by law, being under consideration—

Mr. Craig—Mr. President, I move to strike out the words "by law" and insert "by the County Board."

There is the entire record made by Mr. Craig during a five months' session, in which the present Constitution was made for the State of Illinois. We have given every word he uttered in that body. The only report he made was from the Committee on Counties, and that report was not written by him. In all the discussions for reform on the legislative, judicial, and county articles, he had never a word to say; in the discussions on the railroad and warehouse articles, he was profoundly silent, neither speaking nor moving an amendment, and frequently not voting. We commend this full record to those who think the man, in that Convention, exhibited any capacity fitting him for a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court. To displace Chief Justice Lawrence in order to make room for such a "dummy" as Craig, would be an act fit to make every intelligent man in Illinois deny his citizenship.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

The political crisis which has threatened France for several months has finally been precipitated in a sudden and unexpected manner. M. Thiers has yielded to the trifling majority against him in the Assembly, he and his Ministry have resigned, and Marshal MacMahon has been elected President of the Republic. The immediate issue was on the definitive establishment of the Republic, a measure brought forward by the Government, and sustained by the Liberals. A few days ago, the Conservatives opposed themselves to this measure by an interpellation, calling for the organization of a Conservative ministry and a declaration of a Conservative policy on the part of the Government. The movements in the Assembly for a few weeks past have been tending to the consolidation of the factions opposed to M. Thiers. The Conservative side of the Assembly, or Right, consisted of Bonapartists, Orleanists, and Legitimists; the Left, or Liberal, has consisted of Moderate Republicans and Radicals. The factions of each side have coalesced,—the one into a general Monarchical party, the other into a general Republican party, sinking their distinctive features in the broad issue whether or not the Republic shall be definitely proclaimed as the permanent Government of France. A few days ago, it was announced that there had been a coalition of the Monarchists with the purpose of overthrowing Thiers, and presenting the Duc d'Aumale as their candidate for President. Since that time there has been several test votes with various results. In the recent election of the President of the Assembly, M. Buffet was put forward as the candidate of the Monarchists, and was elected over M. Martel, the Republican candidate. Shortly after, however, the Liberals elected M. Martel as the First Vice-President of the Assembly. With these varying results, and a close division of the two consolidated parties, it was impossible to foretell the vote on the great question. This was taken on Saturday, with a decided and growing victory for the Monarchical party. The vote against making the definitive establishment of the Republic the order of the day stood 360 to 344. Then Thiers resigned, and the vote on the acceptance of his resignation was 368 for and 339 against. The vote which elected Marshal MacMahon President of the Republic was 390.

Though the real issue seems to have been that of Monarchy against the Republic, it could not be so declared openly, for the Monarchists of the Assembly are divided among themselves. The policy on which they united was the professed fear of Radicalism, under which category they included all who favor the permanent establishment of the Republic. M. Thiers was elected as the candidate of the Conservatives at a time when this side of the Assembly had not identified itself so completely with the Monarchical movement. M. Thiers himself had always been a Monarchist, but, having been elected to sustain and administer a Republican form of government, he performed that duty conscientiously and intelligently. He has been conservative in all his movements, but has refused to participate in the apprehensions of Radicalism which the Conservatives generally have entertained. He refused, some months ago, at the demand of the Conservatives, to put a stop to Gambetta's Republican speeches in the provinces, or to proclaim an official disapproval of the sentiments which Gambetta advanced. From this time on, the Conservatives have insisted upon regarding Thiers as a Radical, and have made their fight against him. All well-defined parties in France are extremists, and M. Thiers' honest effort to take a middle ground has met with no intelligent appreciation. His eminent services in overcoming the Commune, reorganizing the army, holding the people together, saving the Assembly from dangers that threatened on both sides, and shaping events in the direction of a permanent constitutional Republic, have counted for nothing. His course was sustained by the Radicals simply because it was more favorable to their ideas than to the opposite extreme, and the so-called Conservatives have succeeded in overthrowing about the only man in all France who is truly entitled to the name of Conservative.

The withdrawal of M. Thiers must be regarded as a serious blow to the Republic, and the election of Marshal MacMahon as a very decided step in the direction of some kind of monarchical restoration. MacMahon has always been a Monarchist. He is essentially an army man. He has been the pet and the pride of the French army for twenty years, and every Government has recognized it. The reverses and defeats which he met in the Prussian war, in common with all French officers, did not affect him as it did the others. He was the man to whom President Thiers intrusted the work of reorganizing the army, and there is little doubt that he has set it on its feet again. He has no sympathy with Republicanism by nature, education, habit, or association. If Napoleon were alive, and there were a strong Bonapartist party, it is probable that MacMahon would attach himself to the Imperialists. As Napoleon is dead, and his dynasty has no organized strength in France at this time, it is probable that MacMahon will go with the strongest party,—whether it be for the Count de Chambord (Henri V.) or one of the Orleans Princes. He has been elected as the representative of the Monarchists, his personal attachments are with them, and, as the head of the Government and the chief of the army, he will play an important part in the drama, or perhaps tragedy, that shall decide what the next permanent Government of France shall be.

It may be that the present anomalous Government of France will hold for a time without trouble of any kind. The army, under MacMahon's leadership, will be able to enforce order throughout the country. But the Monarchical intrigues may now be expected to take a more definite shape than before, and the division of the country between Monarchists and Republicans, as indicated by the recent vote in the Assembly, is so close that the Liberals will hardly yield without a desperate struggle. The situation, therefore, is full of peril. There is no prospect of appealing to the sentiment of the people. The Liberals have been anxious to do this, but have made no headway at it. But, if the appeal were made, the real sentiment of the people could scarcely be brought out under the pressure of the army and the clergy. Another danger which threatens the country is the eagerness to make war on Prussia,—a sentiment with which MacMahon, as an army man, will be much more likely to sympathize than Thiers. Another war with Germany would be the most disastrous of all the threatened perils; but, even if this be averted, the present revolution in the Government and the retirement of M. Thiers foreshadow new sorrows and sufferings for a people which is today the Niobe among nations.

THROUGH FREIGHTS AND THE RAILROAD LAW.

The new law of this State prohibits the railroads from charging "for any distance within the State, the same or greater amount of toll or compensation than is at the same time charged, collected, or received for the transportation, in the same direction, for any passenger, or like quantity of freight of the same class, over a greater distance *of the same railroad*." The question has arisen whether this can be enforced against through freights in cases where the freight is brought in part over a railroad lying within another State. A case in point is the competition between Milwaukee and Chicago for handling the wheat of Southern Minnesota. If the law can be literally enforced, then Chicago can no longer hope to handle the Minnesota grain. We will suppose that the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad carries grain from Winona to Milwaukee for 22 cents. It is then necessary to transport the grain from Winona to Chicago for 20 cents, as wheat is worth 2 cents more per bushel in Milwaukee. To accomplish this, the Northwestern Railroad has been in the habit of carrying grain on barges from Winona down the Mississippi River to Clinton or Fulton, there transferring it to cars and bringing it direct to Chicago. If the rate from Clinton or Fulton to Chicago is 20 cents, and the Northwestern Railroad brings grain from Winona to Chicago, which is a greater distance, but in part outside of the State, for the same amount, can the local shipper at Fulton, Illinois, demand that his freight to Chicago shall be taken at a less or *pro rata* rate according to the through tariff made from Winona? If he can enforce such a demand, then the Northwestern Railroad must abandon its Minnesota grain trade, which will then go in bulk to Milwaukee. This would be discrimination with a vengeance, rendered necessary by the very law which was intended to abolish discrimination.

We are of opinion that the demand of the Fulton shipper, that his freight should be taken at less than 20 cents, because the same freight is carried for that amount from Winona, which is a greater distance lying within another State, cannot be enforced. The Northwestern Railroad would not make its contract in Illinois to carry from Winona to Chicago, but in another State. It may assume, therefore, that the 20 cents which it charges is charged for the distance between Fulton and Chicago, and that it transports the same freight from Winona to Fulton, a strip of territory under the jurisdiction of other States, for nothing, in order to secure the business. It would devolve upon the local shipper at Fulton to prove that this was not the fact; that the railroad was charging or paying something for the transportation from Winona to Fulton, and, therefore, not receiving the full rate from Fulton to Chicago. This would be an exceedingly difficult thing to do. The Court would not require the Northwestern Railroad Company to produce a contract made in another State to cover transportation outside of the State of Illinois. The inference or presumption of the local shipper at Clinton, that he was paying a larger rate to Chicago than was paid for the same distance in Illinois by the Winona shipper, would count for nothing without direct proof of the fact.

The principle of law which determines this case is, that the State of Illinois can exercise control over the Northwestern Railroad Company only for that portion of the road which lies within the boundaries of Illinois. Outside of this State the Northwestern Railroad, or any railroad, can carry freight at a loss or for nothing if it pleases, without conflicting with the laws of Illinois. Each State exercises jurisdiction over that part of a railroad line lying within its boundaries, and over no other part. Though the entire railroad line may be the property of a single corporation, still, if it runs through various States, it originally secured the right of way from each of the States traversed, and each State retains its ordinary jurisdiction over that part of the road lying within its boundaries. This principle of law was once laid down by Judge Story in the case of the Blackstone Canal Company, owning a canal partly in Massachusetts and partly in Rhode Island. A controversy arose requiring a decision as to State jurisdiction, and was carried into the United States Court. Judge Story then decided that the canal, although owned by one company, consisted of two separate and independent corporations deriving their existence from two separate sources of power, to-wit: the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and that neither State could extend its jurisdiction over an inch of the canal in the other State. The same principle of law applies to railroads, and inhibits the State of Illinois from inquiring what any railroad company does with that portion of its road located in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, or any other State.

It is fortunate that this rule applies, for otherwise there are certain grain-producing sections which would be shut out from market altogether. In the case of Southern Minnesota, that grain section would still have an outlet at Milwaukee, if the Illinois law could shut it off from the Chicago market, and the only damage which the law would work would be that done to the interests of Illinois. But in certain sections of Iowa, traversed by the Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Northwestern, and the Rock Island & Pacific, the effect of enforcing the Illinois law over those portions of the roads lying in other States would be to deprive the farmers of all market for their grain. A tariff that should be made up on a scale of distance, increasing the prices in even the smallest proportion, would render the rates of transportation so high from the remoter shipping points of the West and the Northwest that the farmers' grain would be eaten up in freight long before it could reach a market. If the Illinois law should be literally enforced along the entire length of the railroad lines which it was intended to control, the farmers of Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri might as well make up their minds to continue to burn their corn as fuel, for they would be out of pocket in attempting to send it to market. It is a matter of choice with the railroads, under the existing state of things, whether they shall continue their present tariffs outside of the State of Illinois, or apply the principle of tariff prescribed by the Illinois law to the whole length of their lines. They will probably do the former in their own interest, and in the interest of the farmers. But if they should decide to follow the rule prescribed by the railroad *screws* of the Illinois Legislature, it would be the most practical and direct process of demonstrating to the people the absurdity of the doctrine that discrimination is unjust and illegal under all circumstances, and that a railroad must always charge a larger rate for the greater distance of transportation. To apply this principle to any tariff which the Legislature or the Railroad Commissioners would hold to be reasonable, would be to strangle the production of grain in many of the most fertile districts of the Northwest.

THE IOWA TORNADO.

The account of the fearful tornado which swept through two counties in Iowa, on Thursday last, has already been given in our columns in very graphic detail, by our correspondents on the spot. Incredible as some of these details may appear, they are nevertheless true. No words can exaggerate the destructive power of one of these cyclones, when it gathers full force and sets out upon its errand of disaster and death. In a level country nothing can withstand their shock. The firmly-rooted mountains offer the only barrier to their progress, and even upon a mountain-side they will destroy trees, shrubs, and vegetation, and hurl rocks about like playthings, before they are finally dissipated. The recent tornado, in its various features, recalls that which destroyed the towns of Camanche and New Albany, in the same State, some years ago, with the exception that the Camanche tornado traveled much faster than the Washington one, and passed over a much wider and longer extent of country, not having expended its force entirely until it reached some point in Eastern Wisconsin. In their methods of destruction, however, the two were precisely similar. In each of these disasters the same peculiarity of total destruction was visible. It is not remarkable that large and prominent objects like houses, churches, barns, or even trees, should be rent to pieces when struck by this terrible whirling wind, but its capabilities for destroying, tearing asunder, splitting, and literally picking to pieces the smallest and most minute objects even, almost stagger belief. The eccentricities and freaks of these tornadoes in causing destruction have no parallel in any other of the natural forces. The Camanche tornado, like that at Washington, plucked the feathers from fowls, literally flayed cattle, disemboweled sheep, cleaned corn-cobs of every kernel, tore grass up by the roots, wrenched the leaves out of books, tore the leaves off from shrubs, and denuded trees which were not torn up of their bark. There was, in fact, nothing so small or insignificant as to escape their visitation. They were thoroughly impartial in the bestowal of their favors, although the results of their rough handling of things were not always the same. For instance, in the Camanche tornado, one piano was whirled through the air for at least an eighth of a mile, and when it came down alighted like a cat, feet first, into the soft mud on the river bank, none the worse for its aerial journey, except that after such a shaking up it needed tuning. All the rest of the pianos in Camanche, however, were torn into splinters. In the Washington tornado, some cattle which took the same journey as the rest escaped unharmed, while others had their hides taken off, horns and all, or were driven head first into the ground.

It is evident from the operations of these tornadoes that science can suggest no precautions against them. Their origin is as mysterious as their result is disastrous. They give no warning of their coming by any unusual agitation of nature. They leave no time for the escape of anything within their course. It has thus far almost always happened that their visitations have been attended by a hot, sultry atmosphere, a still, dead air, and a peculiar yellowish light; but these are conditions which often occur in the warm season, and may happen many times in a summer without causing any natural phenomenon or disturbance of any sort whatever. Science may predict the coming rain and snow and immediate changes in temperature. It may even indicate with certainty the approach of heavy gales, but it can no more indicate with certainty the visitation of a cyclone than it can the eruption of a volcano or the outbreak of an earthquake. Thirty or forty years ago, a little whirl of dust in a village street in Western Massachusetts, such as may be seen almost any summer day, developed rapidly into a tornado, which swept for miles with terrific fury, until it was broken by the Berkshire hills, with which it came in contact. Usually, however, there is not even this much notice given. The huge monster whirls through the air with the speed of a rifle-ball, and swoops down upon a village so suddenly that but very few people in its course have time to escape to their cellars or other underground excavations, which are the only places of safety. In an entirely open country, where the view is unobstructed, the approach of the tornado may be seen for some distance, if the sky happens to be clear, but even then its speed is so rapid that it strikes a village almost as soon as it is discovered. It affords no data, however, for scientific research; it leaves no traces behind except those of destruction. It is one of those vast, appalling, and gigantic forces of nature whose mystery science has never been able to pierce.

Commodore Shufeldt, of the American Navy, has recently sent a report to Secretary Robeson on the condition of the Liberian Republic. He reports the Liberians as essentially American in their feelings, and believes that the idea of Christian civilization has taken too firm a foothold upon African territory ever to be expelled. The greatest trouble which this Afrieo-American Republic has experienced has come from the English. Boundary complications have grown out of the establishment of certain English trading-posts upon territory claimed by Liberia, and the English Government has made demands upon the Republic's Treasury which has weakened it somewhat. This has also had the effect of leading the natives to believe that they would be better off under English protection than living under a Government too weak to assert its rights. There is an impression that the American Government should detail ships-of-war for service on the Liberian coast to sustain the idea of American protection. Commodore Shufeldt expresses the opinion that the establishment of steam communication between Liberia and America would do more to strengthen the new Republic than anything else. If this is to be construed as a hint for a new steamship subsidy, it comes too late. The staples of Liberia are coffee and sugar; the soil is said to be rich and fertile; there are five large sugar mills in operation on the St. Paul's River; the people are giving some attention to agriculture with satisfactory results; and there is considerable exportation of coffee and sugar. A fair proportion of the trade comes to America, but it will have to await its natural development so far as American subsidies are concerned. Education, unfortunately, is reported as in a languishing condition, owing to the lack of means. Here is probably a good field for active and practical missionary work.

NOTES AND OPINION.

Gov. Carpenter, of Iowa, will be a candidate for re-election, this year; and Gov. Austin, of Minnesota, is setting the pins for his own advancement to the United States Senate. Gov. Carpenter, by his own testimony, knew of a defalcation in the Iowa State Treasury, and permitted the Treasurer to replace it out of an abstraction from trust-funds, unsecured, in his hands. He has since used the power of his high office, and his influence in the dominant party, to shield that guilty official from all punishment by law. Gov. Austin, also, knew how the money of the Minnesota State Treasury was, for years, being used and lost in private speculation, and he, also, has used his power and influence to shield the guilty parties. These are not deductions of mere theory, nor are they partisan slanders. They are the facts, openly known, and to some extent boasted of. Will the people of Iowa and Minnesota, in their elections this year, be blind to such facts?

—The Davenport *Gazette*, an advocate of Gov. Carpenter's re-election, begins and ends an editorial thus:

The leaders of the motley crowd who oppose the Republican party do not appear to be agreed as to the line of conducting the coming campaign. All this only proves how utterly demoralized the Opposition is; that it is destitute of any common bond of unity; and that every dodge will be played that promises the chance of securing an office. Republicans, therefore, have only to stand firm, allowing "reform" elements to come to the front, and the good old party will triumph as in the past, under circumstances similar to the present, by means of honest and faithful administration of public affairs.

The reform element that permits Gov. Carpenter's re-election must, indeed, bespeak high assurance of honest and faithful administration.

—Gov. Carpenter has donned the regalia of the Farmers' Movement, and the Dubuque *Times* (Administration) says:

He could not be engaged in more acceptable work than in endeavoring to master the needs of the people of the State, and the best means of supplying them. He could not better prove himself fit to be Governor himself, if it is the wish of the people. Patronage, the elucidation of industrial and material problems, leading in their discussion. The people who demand this kind of knowledge and this kind of effort from their candidates are not likely to look upon Gov. Carpenter's earnestness in the matter as an evidence of debasement.

—The announcement that Congressman Alexander Mitchell, of Wisconsin, and John Hill and George A. Halsey, of New Jersey, have remitted to the Treasury, swells the list of reputed penitents to forty-eight, after counting out Shellabarger, Hamlin, Van Trump, and other frauds. Now, forty-eight times $4,000 (a fair average) is $192,000. Has Mr. Spinner got so much?

—It is noticeable that the Republican press interprets the Ohio Republican platform to mean very much more than it says. Thus, the Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says of it:

At the last session of Congress those guilty of palpable corruption were not punished as they deserved to be. Here was a sin of omission which the Ohio Republicans do not overlook. There is also a sin of commission charged to the last session which does not escape condemnation. The Ohio Republicans yesterday denounced what is now generally called the "salary-grab." The members of Congress who unscrupulously voted themselves salaries to which they were not entitled received the censure which is so justly their due. By action such as that taken by the Ohio Republicans, the Democracy are officially foiled in their effort to saddle the odium of the Credit Mobilier and "salary-grab" on the dominant party. The Republicans of the country boldly meet such issues, and clear themselves of any responsibility for errors or crimes committed by some of their representatives in Congress.

—The Wheeling (W. Va.) *Intelligencer* goes even further than this, saying:

The Ohio Republican platform is sound and square on the Credit Mobilier and salary-grab. Not only are these unqualifiedly denounced, and the taking of the back pay condemned equally with the voting for it, but there is a sweeping condemnation of all increases of salaries at a time when the resources of the country are taxed to their utmost to meet the burdens imposed by the payment of the national debt; and the repeal of the whole measure is demanded. This must be held to modify the resolution indorsing the President, because this obnoxious measure was not only signed by him, but there is too much reason to believe that it met his approbation, and that the whole scheme has its origin in the anxiety of certain politicians to commend themselves to his favor.

—The resolution of the Ohio Republicans mildly rebuked the increase of salaries as unwise, and called for its repeal; but the Providence (R. I.) *Journal* interprets this plank to read:

The resolution upon the grab business demanded, in the name of the party, a prompt repeal of the act and the abandonment of the conspiracy to steal. That is the key-note, and all party conventions should follow it—repeal of the act and restoration of the money.

—Senator George G. Wright, of Iowa, must be classed with Hamlin, Shellabarger, et al., who have pretended to return their shares into the Treasury and haven't done it. The DesMoines *Republican* (Administration) exposes Wright, and the Davenport *Democrat* says of him:

Harlan used to be a wonderful specimen of the Aminadab sleek class of politicians; and in Senator George G. Wright we have as fair a sample of the Gradgrind as could anywhere be found. Every one who knows him realizes that he is a humbug. He was always a seeker after notoriety, and took the cheap way of getting it by delivering temperance lectures, talking to Sunday-schools, and holding prayer-meetings at each of the Now, he is trying to get credit for an act he has not done, by pretending to have returned his back salary steal, whereas the fact is he has not returned it at all.

—By farmers' meetings in Kansas:

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States have perpetrated one of the most outrageous steals known to the civilized world, in the passage of the retroactive salary bill; and

WHEREAS, D. P. Lowe, our Congressman, supported the bill; therefore

Resolved, That we demand that he resign his seat in Congress, that his place may be filled by an honest man instead of a thief.

Resolved, That no honest man should support any newspaper that does not write down such thieves.

—By farmers in Carroll County, Ill.:

Resolved, That the increase of Congressional salaries, in these hard times, is an infernal outrage upon the working people of the country.

Resolved, That members of Congress, whether voting for or against said increase, who take said increase from the United States Treasury, are guilty and condemned beyond re-election.

Resolved, That we do not believe in the dilatory repentance of some members, who, after waiting several weeks to ascertain the feeling of their constituents, carry their little $5,000 "swag" around to the back door of the Treasury, with a request that "nothing be said" that subjects to empty larks with their constituents.

—The Fort Dodge (Iowa) *Messenger*, Republican party organ in a Republican county, district, and State, holds this language:

The screwheads, political hacks, and monopolists rings are trying to make the people believe the Grangers are the meanest men on earth; who are going to ruin the country, etc. Grangers, don't you frighten worth a cent. Keep right along in the "even tenor of your way." Those fellows have heard the "sound of the feeding" they "scent the battle afar," and are fully aware that you mean business, and that their day of deception and knavery is fast coming to a close. Don't let their abuse of you or your friends throw you off your guard, for "No rogue ever felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law."

Who but Republican "screwheads, political hacks, and monopolists rings" have had the power to abuse the confidence of the people? And are they abusing the Grangers? The *Messenger* says so. Is their "day of deception and treachery fast coming to a close?" God grant it!—*Fort Dodge Times*.

—Corruption of public officials, corruption in the party which was foremost in loyalty during the War, alliance for party ends with men of known want of principle, a feverish thirst for speculation, an era of crime, a weakening of family feeling and purity,—these things are most ominous, and especially since they are dominating in their influence on the best of manhood.—*President Woolsey, of Yale*.

—Let the other Republican States follow the course that Ohio has pointed out, and the Forty-third Congress will have received in advance of its meeting such a lesson and a warning as will last through the two years of its life.—*Cleveland Leader*.

—The Republican party of Iowa is in its last throes. The constant evils of which the farmers complain are laid at the door of a Republican Legislature, a Republican judiciary, and to Republican politicians generally. It could not be otherwise in a State where almost every county is Republican. The talk of reform means rebellion against the politicians in the Republican party. Reforms cannot be expected without a change in the politics of the State, without overthrowing the well-set schemes of the men who run the Republican party.—*Des Moines Leader*.

—The people are warring against rings and combinations for public plunder or for official position. We advise politicians to heed the warning. The murmurings from the rural districts are ominous. The states of willfully corrupt but notoriously ambitious political tricksters will be broken in such a manner that the names recorded thereon will never be known to the outside world.—*Lawrence (Kan.) Standard*.

—This salary mortality has no respect for party relations. It is the verdict of the people and not of a party. Nor is there any subsidence in its virulence. The more you prescribe for the patient the worse he gets. No kind of pathy or climate agrees with him. It only took $5,000 cash to buy the verdict and fill the hospital with sick and wounded back-pay takers.—*Lawrence (Kan.) Tribune*.

—We know of no country that at one time contained so many men failures so are to-day collected in groups in all parts of the United States. The mistake of our very ablest Republicans, who have proved failures, was, that they did not understand and therefore would not trust the people.—*Harrisburg (P

THE PULPIT.

A Remarkable Discourse by the Rev. Robert Collyer.

American Journalism Impartially Reviewed.

A Great and Good Newspaper as Sacred in Its Own Way as the Bible.

That Man Prays Best and Praises Best Who Keeps Up the Steadiest Intimacy with a Good Paper.

The Doctor's Views on Pernicious Journalism of the Chicago Times School.

The Rev. C. Day Noble on Our Heroic Dead.

THE NEWSPAPER.

The Rev. Robert Collyer preached yesterday morning in Unity Church, to an audience which filled the church to repletion with attentive listeners. The preliminary Scripture lessons having been read, hymns sung, and prayers offered, the distinguished divine selected his text from Daniel II., verses 31, 32, and 33: "Behold a great image whose brightness was excellent. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his middle brass, his legs iron, and his feet, part iron and part clay." The preacher spoke as follows:

THE SERMON.

There can be no doubt that the great power for good or evil in our American life and in Europe (Russia, perhaps, excepted) is the newspaper. In countries that believe in a monarchy, it is the real King, and in republics, both here and there, the President. They look to it for inspiration and direction as few of them, I fear, ever look to the Lord. The newspaper is also the most remarkable outcome of our modern civilization. I know of no one thing besides that has gathered into itself so greatly the very essence of the invention and discovery which has made the last hundred years peerless in this respect over all that went before, or which employs to-day so much of the finest power in the foremost life of all lands. The steam engine does no day's work so marvelous in its whole result as that done down in the cellars of the newspapers. The wire-flashes no such message. The railroad carries no such freight. The architect, and the artist and photographer has no such opening beside as this that transfers his finest work at once to the block, and then casts the picture into the minds of a million men. "How do you manage to find your verses?" I said once to Mr. Nast, long before he began to do the dirty work of the last political campaign. "It seems to me that your art is not so much art as inspiration." And I referred especially to a picture he had just published of the renowned Mr. Nasby. "I seek my man," he replied, "until I find him, then I get a drawing and photograph; this one I found in a New York dripping pan, and only altered it to suit my purpose." The newspaper makes such men public property. We all know them when we see them, and so, instead of conflicting with the interests of the pontiffs of the curiosity and the printshops of the capitals, it sends the worthy work of dear John Leech, who never drew a line that was not as sweet and true as his own heart, with the farthest reaches of its influence, and Asmith, and our own here, worthy and unworthy alike, over the prairies and in among the woods to take its chance and do its work in the book that men can read when they can make no more of a printed page than he can make of sanscrit on the old ruins.

And as the newspaper makes tributary to its purpose the finest results of science and discovery, so also it captures the fine power of the current thought and life. Dr. Chalmers said, many years ago, that the best thinking and the best writing of his day was done for the newspaper. It was a perfect wonder to him how such matchless essays as he read every day could be written on the spur of the moment in the clash and clang of the intensest life of the world, and when each question, the same hot for discussion in the street, was put to the men on the writer. It is not too much to say that the newspaper article, on the average, is as much better now as the papers are better than those of thirty years ago, and which Chalmers knew to be so good. It is the result of this devouring enterprise, fed by unique means, which searches through every corner and cranny of the land for men and women of the finest ability, and of this discussion, from every point of view, that Roman conquerors fastened Kings, each in their own place. And, not content with the best thought, it secures, at the same time, the keenest enterprise. It sends news by governments of the remotest parts, of battles and revolutions, far ahead of their own swiftest messengers. It sends one man to the heart of Africa, and another to the heart of the Arctic regions, and another to the heart of Asia, that with love and hate, with love and joy, with fear and faith, with love and hope, and yet more spectacles between its pages, and we are stirred here and there by what we read as I fear we are seldom stirred by the twenty-third psalm or the parable of the Good Samaritan. The thing is terrible. That the newspaper is the quick and close lesson for the day. It is its thought and action of the world about us caught on the wing, and transferred, throbbing with life all fresh, with love and hate, with terror and joy, into our hands, and so it is not distances but nearness that lends the enchantment, and we are unspeakably marvelous to the death of Salmon P. Chase than to that of Samuel the Prophet, and to Canby in the haybelt than to Sisera slain by or equal or worse treachery to the last of Joel.

And if the way the whole sum and substance of the newspaper, as we know it, I could imagine no better thing as a constant visitor in our homes, a supervisor in our schools and churches, an impregnable shield and strong ally of a free and good government, and a teacher and helper to our whole human race, than the ully and weekly press. But the truth is, as we all know, that there is a divine, a human, and an infernal element in it, or there is in all things that have come and do come out of the heart and life of man. It is like this great image the King saw in his dreams, whose brightness was excellent, whose head is fine gold, the breast and arms silver; the middle brass, the legs iron, and the feet part iron and part clay, glorious and good as its highest and best, nearest us as you reach downward, and, when you get clean down to the bottom, as mean as mud. It is the old dream over again in this respect also, that these elements represent something outside the image itself. The power on the throne and the power behind the throne; the actors and the audience; those who fashion this thing and those for whom they fashion it. The gold and silver, the brass and iron, and mud are all first found in the people, who make the form and substance possible, and then it is in those who make the press to suit those they work for.

Powerful and wonderful as this creation stands before us to-day, it is the image of the people who are looking at it in hope and fear, in admiration and dislike. It is like the literature and religion, the drama, the Congress, Senate-house, and the Administration, as outcome first, and then as income; as it first it is like the water which runs clear to the upper stories of our great buildings,—a proof that we have people among us who work, and plan, and pay to make life clean and good; and as it's worst it is like the stagnant pools and sewage that turn to ooze in the sun, to attract and breed pestilence, a proof of a kinship to the evil some people tolerate about them, or create out of the slush in their own nature. That the American press should distance the world in this comprise is as natural as it is for the grass to grow on the prairies in this latter May, because there is no such enterprise on the earth to-day as this that our people show. That it should be generally keen, bright, quick, smart, quick, and humorous is also natural, because these are natural characteristics too. That its leading articles should contrive to pack all the sense into half the space of the leaders in a paper like the London *Times*, is again natural, because every day we live a hasty, impatient life, as different as possible from the slow, plodding processes of the life in England; and editors know very well that if they should put in a piece of their mind in two columns, we should look at the long chapter, refuse to read it, and so not only frustrate their labor, but stop our subscription. That we should have hundreds of columns of specials upon all the current everything, and every man and woman under the sun who happens to strike the public eye is also natural, because take us altogether there is no such curious and inquisitive race on the planet. In one respect, indeed, the old stock American of Mrs. Trollope and Mr. Dickens has mended his ways, he lays in wait no longer for the stranger to find out all about him; but there is a reason for that also; he has created the interviewer, the most remarkable phenomenon of modern times, and so he keeps quiet in the full assurance that he will get the whole truth in the next issue of his paper, and is content. And it is natural that every horrible catastrophe should be opened out to the minutest secret and circumstance, with deep head-lines and hatch-words all the way down, not so much that the cravings of public meat with a swift, sure stroke, but that the dish of highest seasoning may sell the most papers. The press charges the pulpit with being sensational, and indeed the good help me! the charge is true, but the little finger of the press in this respect is thicker than the loins of the pulpit. Certainly, editors, of all men in the world, live in glass houses. And finally it is natural that the newspaper should be partisan. Of all the powers

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, May 24.

There has been a gradual progress toward ease in the local money market during the past week. Some of the banks that have a large line of mercantile accounts have experienced an extremely active demand for money, but it has been mainly from merchants whose capital is small in comparison to their business and who are consequently always hard-up. Aside from this there has been scarcely as much demand for money at some of the banks as they would like, and in some quarters money is offered freely on collaterals at 10 per cent, and on call even at 8 per cent. The business in local stocks has been unusually small for the last two weeks. In cases where parties have been obliged to part with city railway, which pays 20 per cent, and some of the bank stocks which pay from 12 to 15 per cent, fair prices have been obtained, but, on the whole, there was but little done.

Exchange was firmer to-day at 25c per $1,000 premium.

The clearings of the Chicago banks for the week were:

Date.	Clearings.	Balances.
Monday	$4,261,580.65	$409,751.89
Tuesday	4,870,208.38	358,654.79
Wednesday	5,315,497.84	260,872.13
Thursday	3,070,943.67	312,821.64
Friday	3,005,558.21	271,819.58
Saturday	3,093,976.79	341,508.81
Total	$26,153,884.24	$1,953,431.77
Corresponding week last year	16,988,573.04	1,681,885.92

The following quotations of local stocks are furnished by Messrs. Hammond & Gage:

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	150	
Third National Bank	135	140
Fifth National Bank	137	
Commercial National Bank	140	145
Merchants' National Bank	200	
German National Bank	125	130
Manufacturers' National Bank	106	115
Northwestern National Bank	220	
Corn Exchange National Bank	150	125
City National Bank	140	
Cook County National Bank	100	101
National Bank of Illinois	112	
National Bank of Commerce	104	110
Chicago City Railway	160	165
West Division Railway	100	110
North Division Railway	98	100
Pullman Palace Car	112¾	
Sign Watch Company	105	110
Chicago Gas-Light and Coke Company	108	110
Chamber of Commerce	95	
Traders' Ins. Co	100	

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
8-20s of '62	116¼	116¾
5-20s of '64	116¼	116¾
5-20s of '65	118¼	118¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	119¼	119¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	119¼	120
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	120¼	120¾
10-40s	114¼	114¾
U. S. 7s (new issue)	113¼	113¾
Gold (full weight)	118	118¼
Gold	118	118¾
Gold Exchange		118¾
Sterling Exchange	109¾	@110¼
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100	100¼ int.
Chicago City 6s		99¾ & int.
Cook County 7s		99¾ & int.
Illinois County and Township 10s		95@98
1860 war 7s	172	180
1861 war 7s	168	175
1862s, not war	176	187
1870, not war 1813	133	140
Agricultural College Land Scrip		185

LATER.

NEW YORK, May 24. Money was easy on call to-day, and ranged from 7 to 6 per cent.

Legal-tenders outstanding, $56,365,000; a decrease since last Saturday of $2,46,000.

Gold was firm to-day, with actual business at 109¾ to 109¾ for prime banker's 60 days, and 109¾ to 109¾ for sight.

Customs receipts, $514,397.

Gold was settling with a further advance. The price ranged from 112¾ to 113¾, and closed at 113¾ to 113¾. The rates paid for carrying were 6, 6, 2, and 3 per cent.

The bank statement is unfavorable, and shows a net loss of $2,600,000 in the legal reserve. The statement was a general disappointment to the street. The banks as a whole now have $4,070,475 above the 25 per cent required by law. The percentage of reserve is 26.27. Of the 7-30 loan of the National banks, $6.48 for the State banks, and 26.79 for the banks in the aggregate.

Gold clearances, $126,000,000.

The Treasury department paid out to-day $190,000.

The Treasury operations for the week at the New York office included the disbursement of $934,000 gold for interest, and $18,700 in the redemption of 5-20s. The receipts were of $2,800,812 for customs. The Treasury also sold $1,000,000 gold, and bought $600,000 bonds. Part of the gold was paid for in legal tender notes, which probably explains the decrease in the bank statement.

Government bonds closed strong at the highest quotations of the week.

The feature which characterized the stock speculation to-day was the way it was more marked to-day. Aside from a few shares the changes were very small. The Exchange had but a slim attendance of brokers, and the business transacted was neglected. The bank statement had little effect on prices. The largest dealings were in Pacific Mail, which fell off from 63¾ to 45, advanced to 45¾, and sold at 45¾@45¾ at the close. Western Union declined from 85¾ to 84¾, with slight fluctuations at intermediate quotations. Erie was dull at 83¾@83@83¾, and the changes in the remainder of the list were only ¼ to ¾, the latter fluctuation being exceptional.

Sterling, 108¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	122¾	Coupons '67	121¾
5-20s of '62	116¾	Coupons, '68	120¼
Coupons, '64	116¾	10-40s	114¾
Coupons, '65	118¾	Currency 6s	116
Coupons, '65 (new)	119¾	New 5s	113¾

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	92	Virginias, old	63
Tennessee, old	81	North Carolinas, old	28¾
Tennessee, new	80¾	North Carolinas, new	16
Virginia, new	60		

STOCKS.

Canton	98	St Paul pfd	72¾
Western Union	84¾	Wabash	68¾
Quicksilver	40¾	Wabash pfd	93
Adams Express	67	Fort Wayne	93
Wells Fargo	99	Terre Haute	15
American Express	57	Terre Haute pfd	40
United States Ex	79	Chicago & Alton	109
Pacific Mail	45¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	110
New York Central	103¾	Ohio & Mississippi	41¾
Erie	83¾	C., C. & C	88
Erie pfd	93	C., R. & Q	120¾
Cleveland	97	Lake Shore	90¾
Harlem pfd	130	Indiana Central	30¾
Michigan Central	103	Illinois Central	113¾
Pittsburgh	97	Union Pacific	30¾
Northwestern	75	Union Pacific bonds	86¾
Northwestern pfd	84	Central Pacific bonds	102¾
Rock Island	107¾	Del. Lack. & Western	103¾
N. J. Central	105¾	Hartford & Erie	2¾
St. Paul	34		

REAL ESTATE.

The volume of business in real estate has been smaller during the past week than the previous one, and it is probable that as far as large transactions in acres and in suburban lands generally are concerned, the heaviest business is over. The advent of pleasanter weather, and probably also the drawing of a large number of strangers here to the Jubilee on the 5th of next month, will help to revive speculation and investment to some extent. But for the rest of the summer the sale of property will consist more largely of transactions in small lots for actual occupation by the purchasers. The volume of business is therefore likely to be smaller, but of a more legitimate character than during the last three months. As mentioned last week, the quarters where there is the greatest activity in the purchase of lots at from $500 to $1,500 each are around the Western limits of building improvements all the way from the district around Humboldt Park around to the Stock Yards and down to Englewood. The latter place is growing with wonderful rapidity, and a long, scattering line of fifty or sixty new wooden cottages is being pushed northward between Halsted street and the Rock Island Railroad, to meet another similar one that is being pushed southward from the vicinity of the Stock Yards. These two lines of improvement will soon meet about the Fifty-fifth street boulevard—which, by the way, is being improved with a fine graveled roadway into the Town of Lake—so that a year hence the line of building improvements will be continuous all the way, and Englewood will seem much less remote and disconnected with the city than now. Following the line of the suburban trains on the Fort Wayne and Michigan Southern Railroads the line of improvements is also progressing southeastward toward Cornell to meet there another line that is following the suburban trains of the Illinois Central down from Hyde Park. Between the two lines of improvement meeting at Cornell there is a narrow strip of property averaging nearly half a mile wide, extending from near Thirty-first street south to Seventy-fifth street, and lying next west of the South Park and Boulevards, that has not improved much, because the land is owned by capitalists who have held it for the investment. But this spring there are indications of

A SUPERIOR CLASS OF IMPROVEMENTS

beginning in the whole of this district. The most northern portion of it lies between Thirty-first and Thirty-fifth streets, and extends east and west from Forrest avenue to Cottage Grove avenue. In this area not less than fifty good brick and stone-front dwellings have been erected within the past year, and we hear of as many more if not even a better class to be erected there this summer. Among them are the following for which the contracts have been let, and building will begin within a week or two:

Nine brown stone octagon fronts, each two stories and basement, on the northeast corner of Rhodes avenue and Thirty-third street.

Three marble fronts on Thirty-third street (north front), east of Cottage Grove avenue.

Two marble fronts on Vernon avenue (formerly Colfax avenue), at Thirty-fourth street.

Two marble fronts on South Park avenue, fifty feet south of Thirty-second street.

Two marble fronts on Calumet avenue, just south of Thirty-second street.

Four two-story and basement bricks on Forrest avenue, just north of Thirty-second street.

Besides the above, a number of single houses of the same, or even a better class, will be in process of erection in the same vicinity this summer. Thirty-first street has been ordered paved from State street to Cottage Grove, and bids fair to become a business street, which will divide the neighborhood in question from the one north of it.

Further south, Mr. H. E. Pickett has made arrangements for building twenty-two handsome stone-front dwellings on Prairie avenue, north of Thirty-ninth street.

On the Grand Boulevard Messrs. Allen & Bartlett (builders) have bought 75 feet east front just south of Forty-second street, at $200 per front foot, and are to build there the very fine brown stone fronts to cost over $20,000 each.

On Michigan avenue, 125 feet south of Fortieth street, Mr. W. H. Derby has sold a lot on the west side of the street at $135 per front foot, on which the purchasers are under contract to build this summer.

ON THE NORTH SIDE

the activity in sales of lots and in improvements is confined to the "burnt district," and north of that is nearly all west of Clark street.

The decision of the Court on Friday in favor of the Lincoln Park assessments does not by any means settle the question. The parties who are contesting this assessment are firmly convinced that the assessment is not only illegal, but that there is a "ring" in it. How much foundation there may be for this we do not propose to say, but it is at least apparent that the opponents of the scheme mean to fight it out on that line, and will carry the case up to the Supreme Court.

THE CHICAGO LAND COMPANY

are selling a great many lots in their new subdivision just south of the Northwestern car-shops, and there will be a great deal of improvement in the district during the spring, independent of what the Northwestern Railroad Company and the Land Company will do on their own account.

THE WILMINGTON & LACON RAILROAD COMPANY

whose line was mentioned a few weeks ago as a possible connecting one with a proposed line through the centre of the Town of Cicero to the C., B. & Q. R. at the junction of Twelfth and Rockwell streets, have, we understand, the refusal of property by the Chicago Land Company for a right-of-way directly north from about the line of Jackson street through the centre of the south half of Sec. 10, and part of Sec. 15, to a junction with the Northwestern Railroad at the new car-shops.

IMPROVEMENTS ON MILWAUKEE AVENUE.

The paving of Milwaukee avenue, from Division street to North avenue, so long contemplated, will be commenced about June 1, and completed by the 1st of August. As the paving progresses, the horse railroad company will lay down a double track line, and will run their cars to North avenue.

CENTRAL BUSINESS PROPERTY

is not very easy to dispose of just at present. It is apparently the very policy that for the immediate wants of trade, there is more than enough fine stores, and there is no inducement to build more just now, except in the most central locations. It is plain that State street from Randolph to that magnificent piece of architecture, the Palmer House, is to be the retail street par excellence of Chicago. But the location of the Palmer House in connection with those of the Matteson and the Gardner is likely to turn the line of first-class retail business into Wabash avenue, south of Monroe street; and from there to Harrison street, the fine class of improvement already made on Wabash avenue intures it being the best and most desirable quarter to the part of State street above mentioned, for first-class retail trade.

Messrs. Phinney & Lombard sold, a few days since, a lot 26½ feet front by 171 feet deep, on Michigan avenue, near Madison street, at $1,287.50 per front foot. The total price was $33,700, of which $22,000 was paid in cash and $11,000 in Calumet River property, leaving $18,000 to be adjusted in some other way.

The above parties have also sold ten acres lying directly west of Lombard & Sawyer's Douglas Park Addition, between Ogden avenue and Twenty-second street, just west of Douglas Park, for $38,000.

ACRES.

Among many other sales by the acre, are the following recent ones:

Eighty acres—sold by Messrs. Snyder & Lee—in the N. W. ¼ of Sec. 6, Town of Cicero, being one mile northeast of Harlem Station, at $1,000 per acre. This price is above the cash value, but it is understood that the consideration is largely in other property.

Five hundred and ten of the sale of 20 acres in the N. W. ¼ of Sec. 24, 39, 12, situated ½ mile south of Hasa Park; consideration, $500 per acre. The purchaser sold this property before he had his contract for $750 per acre.

H. E. Pickett bought of James E. Tyler 20 acres on the north side of Harrison street, ½ mile west of the city limits; consideration, $2,500 per acre.

L. Hodges sold 80 acres, being in S. ½ of Sec. 12, 41, 12, situated about ½ of a mile from Park Ridge; consideration, $200 per acre.

A CURIOUS INCIDENT

of the unexpected acquirement of money by the rise in value of real estate in this city transpired this week. A Mr. Thomas R. K. Swift, the banker, failed here in 1856, an Irish laborer had $300 in the bank. He could get nothing else for his money than a deed from Mr. Swift for 20 acres of land several miles southwest of Brighton. It was not salable at any price, but the man thought it was better than nothing. So he kept it and paid taxes on it from year to year. Lately he had begun to think it would sell for something, he did not know what. A few weeks ago he placed it for sale in the hands of Mr. W. D. Kerfoot, who astonished him, and almost took his breath away by informing him, last Thursday, that he had sold it for $85,000.

SUMMARY OF TRANSFERS FOR THE WEEK.

The following is the total amount of city and suburban property transferred during the week ending Saturday, May 24: City property, No. of sales, 161; consideration, $693,600. North of city limits, No. of sales, 7; consideration, $10,050. South of city limits, No. of sales, 32; consideration, $87,128. West of city limits, No. of sales, 3; consideration, $10,250. Total sales, 203; total consideration, $998,042.

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, May 24.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	7,555	6,999	4,760	5,377
Wheat, bu	83,470	23,295	18,762	77,618
Corn, bu	94,640	214,545	24,483	208,458
Oats, bu	77,125	110,826	168,187	13,597
Barley, bu	1,739	5,604	227	1,200
Rye, bu	1,800	3,900	1,223	3,200
Grass seed, lbs	45,150	82,350	7,735	18,733
Flax seed, lbs	1,500			
Broom corn, lbs	10,500		28,260	16,750
Cured meats, lbs	9,400	63,020	489,575	845,043
Beef, brls	2		65	
Pork, brls			562	664
Lard, lbs	7,600	8,140	268,760	28,312
Tallow, lbs	19,680	35,140	43,565	
Butter, lbs	61,501	57,470	11,400	43,926
Dressed hogs, No			1,200	1,943
Live hogs, No	5,662	5,837	10,221	7,763
Cattle, No	2,542	2,915	3,334	3,768
Sheep, No	1,086	511	165	
Hides, lbs	78,797	29,220	110,335	30,210
Highwines, brls	665	211	129	1,200
Wool, lbs	63,040	162,030	16,250	83,625
Potatoes, bu	8,496	3,855	1,594	734
Lumber, m ft	4,321	3,040	2,786	1,594
Shingles, m	1,150	3,000	1,501	1,740
Lath, m	344	248	303	85
Salt, brls		2,238	1,454	2,109

Withdrawn from store on Friday for city consumption: 3,294 bu corn; 3,718 bu oats; 650 bu rye; 596 bu barley. Withdrawn for do during the past week: 5,189 bu wheat; 22,814 bu corn; 21,706 bu oats; 3,175 bu rye; 14,812 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 65 cars wheat; 171 cars corn; 11,800 bu No. 2 do by canal; 63 cars oats; 4 cars rye. Total (303 cars), 141,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this point during the week ending with this morning, and for corresponding weeks ending as dated:

	RECEIPTS.			
	May 24, 1873.	May 17, 1873.	May 25, 1872.	
Flour, brls	48,352	53,843	37,194	
Wheat, bu	262,925	222,718	74,733	
Corn, bu	574,499	383,590	1,304,190	
Oats, bu	430,540	227,439	484,669	
Rye, bu	14,415	10,367	30,189	
Barley, bu	9,600	11,808	17,600	
Live hogs, No	51,453	71,234	74,268	
Cattle, No	18,693	21,619	13,289	
	SHIPMENTS.			
Flour, brls	37,306	42,650	29,871	
Wheat, bu	411,068	264,726	167,209	
Corn, bu	764,859	1,116,439	1,443,953	
Oats, bu	448,226	508,997	138,698	
Rye, bu	28,837	16,800	22,505	
Barley, bu	13,111	22,683	50,015	
Live hogs, No	45,230	52,445	48,776	
Cattle, No	16,464	19,372	14,923	

A good many people are asking why more wheat is now going to Milwaukee than coming to Chicago, for some time past. The reason is simple, but sufficient. The roads which carry grain to Milwaukee take it at a reduced rate from all points which are also connected with Chicago; so that in most cases the cost of shipping and selling in Milwaukee is less than the simple cost of shipment to this city. Those who know this fact ask the question, "Cannot the grain be carried to Chicago at prices that will pay to deliver it in Milwaukee?" The physical answer to this question is "Yes;" but there is an impediment in the way that has thus far operated as a moral impossibility. This, however, is only one of several cases in which Chicago is discriminated against by the railroads. A committee was appointed by the Board of Trade, some time ago, to investigate and report in regard to these things, but no good has yet come of it.

It is understood that an effort is being made to collect the fees for the inspection of grain through the railroad companies, instead of through warehouses, the latter being the more general way now. The difference between the two plans is simply that the railroad collection will secure the funds when the service is performed; while the warehouse collection is not made till the grain is taken out of store.

THE MARKETS.

There was a little more life in the produce markets to-day, and a firmer tone all round, though twenty-four hours had elapsed without a storm. The business was, however, chiefly speculative, cash lots of produce not being mentioned sometimes for a quarter of an hour together. The shipping movement was slow; but it is usually so on Saturday. The mass of operators did not seem to build much upon a continuance of fine weather.

The inquiry for white and colored staple cottons, and for seasonable dress goods, was slightly more active than on previous days of the week, but aside from this the movement was sluggish, and in most departments there was an apparent lack of firmness. Groceries were generally quiet, and, if we except coffees, syrups, and spices, the quoted prices were only indifferently sustained. There was fair activity in the butter market, and the prices current earlier in the week were uniformly well sustained. Within the past few days there has been noticeable improvement in the quality of the offerings, a liberal proportion of that now coming forward being grass butter of good flavor and yellow. Sales were chiefly at 18@25c, though small lots of strictly choice at 26@27c was obtainable. Bagging remains quiet at 36½c for Stark, 35c for Ludlow, 34½c for Lewiston, and 32c for American. No new features were developed in connection with the cheese, canned goods, and dried fruit markets, where rather dull; at the prices named yesterday. Flour continues active and firm. Most descriptions are in light stock, and the tendency in cod and fat mackerel is slightly in an upward direction. The hay market was in much the same condition as noted in previous reports, pressed descriptions meeting with a moderate amount coming in, and dealers predict continued high prices. The hide trade was dull, neither local nor outside tanners seeming inclined to operate to any large extent, but the moderate stocks in store and the continued light receipts stimulate holders, and prices were fully maintained. Pig-iron was quoted dull and easier, at 70@68c for No. 1. Tobacco, and paper stock sold at about former quotations. The oil market was reasonably active, with prices unchanged: Carbon at 19@19½c, linseed at $1.00 @1.02, extra lard at 75c, whale at 87c, and turpentine at 57@58c. Linseed is strong, with an advancing tendency. Tallow is firmer.

The lumber trade continues active and the market firm, especially for cargoes afloat. Metals, tinners' stock, and iron were in moderate request; there was no quotable change in prices. The demand for building materials is improving somewhat under the influence of fine weather. Prices are without material change, there being rather easy for common brick and lime. There were no new features to note in connection with the wool market. The Western mills are buying old wool in small quantities, and the stocks are quite low. The new clip has hardly commenced to come forward. It is thought that prices will be from 8@9c lower than the present rates for old wool. Hops and broom corn are without perceptible change in the former are quiet, while broom corn is meeting with the usual demand, the good grades being scarce and firm. There was very little doing in seeds, excepting Hungarian and millet, which were in moderate request at reduced prices. Poultry was in liberal supply but slow of sale, and prices ruled weak and lower. Eggs were active and firm, closing quite firm. Green fruits, vegetables, and potatoes were without particular change.

Lake freights were dull, but nominally firm at the advanced quotations of Friday, both carriers and shippers holding off. Several vessels arrived in port last evening and this morning, but shippers were indisposed to take hold to load the vessels as early as they had, as the fact might work to their disadvantage. Carriers asked 6c for corn, and 7c for wheat, by sail, to Buffalo, and 12½c and 13½c for corn and wheat to Oswego or Kingston. Through freights to Boston, by lake and sail, quoted at 25c via Buffalo, and 26c via Ogdensburgh. Only one vessel was chartered to carry grain from this port, at 1,200 for the cargo of corn and wheat; amount not stated.

Highwines were quiet, but strong, at ¾c advance; 91c was bid, and 91¾c asked. Sales were limited to one lot, which was differently reported to be 50 or 100 brls at 91c per gallon.

Provisions were more active and stronger, the recent severe drop having brought out several speculative buyers, who thought it safe to take hold at the decline; added to which, hogs were less plenty and higher, while other markets were firmer than heretofore. Mess pork advanced 35c per brl from the reduced quotations of last evening, and closed a shade easier. Lard was 20c per 100 lbs higher, with a good demand, but quiet, as buyers were not generally prepared to meet the views of holders. Meats were in some demand for the Southern trade at the recent reduction in terms. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller May, $15.60; do seller June, $15.60@15.65; do seller July, $16.00@16.10; do seller August, $16.25@ 16.30; lard, cash or seller May, $8.60; do seller June, $8.60@8.65; do seller July, $8.90@8.95; summer lard, $7.87½@8.00; do without package, $7.50. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 10@12c. Dry salted meats quotable at 6@6½c for shoulders; 8@8½c for short ribs; and 8¼@8¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 6¾@6¾c. English meats, 8¾@8¾c for short ribs; 8¾@8¾c for short clear. Bacon is quoted at 7¾c for shoulders; 9¼c for clear ribs; 9¾c for short clear, and 13@14½c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $9.00@9.25; extra mess do, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $28.00@29.50. City tallow, 7¾@8c; grease quotable at 5¼@6¾c. Sales were reported of 750 brls mess pork, seller June, at $15.75; 1,000 brls do at $15.70; 1,000 brls do at $15.62½; 500 brls do at $ 15.60; 900 brls do seller July at $16.10; 5,000 brls do at $16.00; 250 brls do at $15.90; 500 brls do at $15.85; 1,000 brls do seller August at $16.25; 50 tcs lard (choice) at $8.75; 70 tcs do at $8.50; 50 tcs do at $8.40; 250 tcs do seller July at $8.90; 260 tcs do at $8.85; 200,000 lbs short ribs, seller July, at 8¾c; 50 tcs sweet pickled hams (15 lbs) at 12c; 200 tcs do (16 lbs) at 11¾c.

The *Daily Commercial Report* gives the following as the shipments of provisions from this city for the week ending May 22, 1873, and since Nov. 1, 1872; also comparative figures:

	Pork, brls.	Lard, lbs.	Hams, lbs.	Shoulders, lbs.	Tierces, lbs.	Middles, lbs.
Wk ending May 22	1,120	494	3,240		288,193	
Same week '72	2,362	1,503	1,200	200,400	1,000	775,400
Since Nov. 1 '72	191,819	168,558	1,187,227	2,000,400	1,149,779	6,481,213
Same time '71-'72	174,787	141,227	1,227,675	1,700,661	1,000,661	5,481,213

The shipments in detail were as follows: Shoulders, — bxs; short rib, 89 bxs; short clear, 58 bxs; long clear, 167 bxs; long rib, 74 bxs; Cumberlands, 4 bxs; Strotfords, 335 bxs; Staffordshire, 10 bxs; South Staffordshire, 60 bxs; long hams, 357 bxs; Birmingham, 111 bxs; Irish cut, 33 bxs; bacon, 168 bxs; Staffordshire hams, 32 bxs; clear backs, 9 bxs; bellies, 4 bxs; middles, 80 bxs; Belfast tongues, 5 bxs; Preston hams, 5 bxs; pigs tongues, 25 bxs; Pig-diana cured, $10.00; Indiana block, $9.00; Kirkgrease, 117 brls; shoulders, 3 tcs; middles, 203 bxs.

Flour was very quiet, being in small demand, but holders insisted on full former prices, in view of the firmer feeling in wheat. There was not much offering. Bran was steady. Sales were reported of 300 brls white winter extras on private terms; 100 brls spring extras at $6.87½; 100 brls do at $6.55; 700 brls do on private terms; 200 brls superfines at $4.75; 100 brls do (Gem of the Ocean) at $4.25; 200 brls rye flour (Beslt) at $4.40; 700 brls do on private terms. Total, 1,700 brls. Also 50 tons bran at $9.00 on track, and 50 brls kiln dried corn meal at $2.90.

The following were the quotations at the close:

Fairo choice white winter extras	$ 8.50 @11.00
Red winter extras	7.50 @ 8.50
Goodo choice spring extras	6.00 @ 6.00
Lows medium	5.00 @11.00
Minnesota (patent)	6.50 @ 8.00
Goodo fancy Minnesota	6.50 @ 8.00
Spring superfines	4.00 @ 5.00
Rye flour	4.15 @ 4.40
Bran	9.00 @ 9.75

Wheat was rather more active in options and settlement and stronger, the bulk of the trading going done at the outside prices of Friday. Thematket was weak early, became Liverpool unsupported dull; but the latest telegrams from that city quoted wheat closing 1d higher, with a good demand that brought out buyers, and the demand continued good though New York was quoted quiet and rather tame, and our receipts were considerably in excess of the shipments. The fact is, a good many operators are beginning to far there will be a squeeze in June or not in May, as the market is largely oversold, and Milwaukee is drawing all the wheat she can to herself, by means of reduced freights from all poins where she competes with Chicago. Hence, the sargin of 2@2½c in favor of cash wheat overseller June was maintained, though the current month closed with the coming week; and seller June was strong as compared with option for delivery farther in the future. There was also a good many puts out, which expired by limitation to-day, and that was another reason for keeping up prices. There was a moderate demnd for car lots, but little doing in regular, the latter not being offered. Seller June offered at $1.26½, and advanced steadily to $1.27¾, cased down to $1.27, rose to $1.27¾, and closed at $1.27¾. Regular No. 2 spring sold at $1.24¾@1.25, closing at the outside. No. 3 spring at $1.21@1.22, and seller July sold at $1.25@ 1.26¾; seller August at $1.21@1.22, and seller the year at $1.14@1.15. No. 1 spring was quiet and steady at $1.26¾; No. 3 spring was in fair demand at $1.18¾@1.19; and rejected do dull at $1.10. Cash sales were reported of 2,400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.26¾; 1,200 bu No. 2 spring (land) at $1.25; 1,600 bu do at $1.25¾; 11,600 bu do (part hard) at $1.25½; 15,000 bu do at $1.29 5,000 bu do at $1.29¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.28¾; 15,000 bu do at $1.28¾; 800 bu No. 3 spring at $1.19; 4,400 bu do at $1.18¾; 2,400 bu do at $1.18¼; 1,300 bu rejected spring at $1.00 400 bu by sample at $1.26. Total, 71,000 bu.

Corn was quiet but firm and very steady at an average advance of ½@¾c per bu, there being net much demand, and comparatively little offering. New York was dull, and our shipments were lighter, but the certainty of unfavorable conditions for the next crop caused holders to ask higher prices, and to be independent about selling at that. Then buyers held back, and both sides took a breathing spell. The shippers did not care to operate, as they were waiting for a downward turn in freights. Seller June opened at 38¾c, declined to 38¾c, advanced to 39c, and closed at 38¾@39c. Seller July sold at 42@42¼c, and seller August at 43¾@44¼c, both closing with firm holders at the outside. Regular No. 2 corn, for seller the month, sold at 38@ 39¾c, and strictly fresh receipts were firm at 39c. Cash sales were reported of 10,600 bu No. 2 at 39c; 24,000 bu do (better than regular) at 38¾c; 15,000 bu do at 38¾c; 25,000 bu do at 38¾c; 10,000 bu do at 38¾c; 10,000 bu do at 38c; 5,800 bu do at 39c afloat; 16,800 bu rejected at 36c; 400 bu cars at 38c. Total, 117,800 bu.

Oats were very quiet at about the same range of prices as on Friday. There was almost no demand for cash lots, and but little for options, except for about half an hour. The effect of big receipts here was counteracted by larger shipments, and a firmer tone reported from New York. Seller June was quoted at 31¾@32c, seller July at 33¼@33¾c, and seller the month at 31¾@31¾c, all closing at a medium figure. Cash sales were reported of 1,800 bu (fresh receipts) at 32c; 6,000 bu do at 31¾; 3,000 bu rejected at 29½c; 5,600 bu do at 29¼c; 600 bu do at 29c; 600 bu by sample at 37c; 600 bu do at 35c; 600 bu do at 34c; 1,200 bu do at 32c. Total, 18,000 bu.

Rye was dull and ¼c lower; quotable at 68¼ @69c, closing quiet in favorite houses. Sales were restricted to 800 bu No. 2 (A., D. & Co's.) at 68¾c.

Barley was dull, and nominally unchanged. In the absence of transactions for several days, it is impossible to give figures that may be depended upon; but we quote the market at 70@75c for No. 2; 64@66c for No. 3, and 45@50c for rejected. The stock in the Rook Island Elevator, and the outside in the Armour, Dole & Co. and Central Elevators. Cash sales were limited to 400 bu by sample at 58c.

The telegraph informs us that not less than twelve firms, who had formed a combination to control the Western lumber trade, have failed, with total liabilities of $8,000,000. Three of these firms are located in Chicago, one in Cleveland, and the rest in New York State.

INSPECTION OF LUMBER.

At the annual meeting of the Chicago Lumbermen's Exchange, held in March last, the rules of inspection for lumber sold by cargo were adopted so as to be identical with the grades fixed up by the leading yard firms of this city.

A "school of practice" was established, with lumber taken from the piles of one of the leading yards of the city; but the near approach of the opening of navigation, and the stormy weather, did not give sufficient time for the examination of all of the inspectors (about 100) in the city, but some twenty or more qualified themselves and obtained certificates. This is the beginning of a systematic and uniform mode of transacting the immense lumber business of this city, and it is hoped by the trade that the plan may be in general practice next season. By reference to our quotations, it will be seen that a cargo of mill-run lumber is sold under the new rules on Saturday, being, we believe, the first green mill-run stock sold in this manner this season, although several sales of clears have been made on that basis.

LATER.

In the afternoon wheat and corn were in moderate demand, closing the same as on 'Change. No. 2 spring sold at $1.27¾@1.27¾; seller June closing at $1.27¾. Corn sold at 38¾@39c seller June, closing at the outside; 42@42¼c seller July; and 44¼c seller August. Other grain and provisions were quiet and unchanged. Lake freights were inactive.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, May 24.

ALCOHOL—Was in fair request, and firm at $1.89@ 1.87 for 94 per cent proof.

BEANS AND PEAS—The inquiry continues light. Hand-picked beans are scarce. Other grades are in moderate supply. We repeat: Choice hand-picked marrow, $2.50@2.60; do mediums, $2.40@2.45; inferior grades, $1.25@2.30; green peas (in brls), $1.40@1.50; yellow do (do), $1.25.

BUTTER—Nothing new of importance occurred in the butter market. Choice grades are in little more than plentiful, and were perhaps a trifle easier, though sales were effected at the same range as on yesterday. Local consumers bought freely, as did also shippers, at the annexed quotations: Strictly choice dairy, 24@ 27c; medium to good, 18@23c; inferior to common, 10@17c.

HAGGING—Was quoted quiet at unchanged prices. We repeat our list as follows: Stark, 56¼c; Ludlow, 35c; Lewiston, 34½c; American, 32c; Amoskeag, 32½c; Otter Creek, 36c; burlap bags, 4 and 9 bu, 20c; 2¼c; gunnies, single, 17@18c; do double, 29@30c; wool sacks, 67½c.

BROOM CORN—The improvement in good corn continues fair, and the market is firmer for the highest grades. The lowest grades are abundant and dull. Below are the prices current: No. 1 stock brush, 5@ 6c; No. 2 do, 3¼@4c; No. 3 do, 2@3½c; inside grades, 2½c; tie and pin clip, 2@4c; do pole and red, 2@2½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Were in light moderate request at the prices given below: Stucco, $3.50@2.75; New York stucco casting, $4.75@4.00; superfine do, $3.50@4.00; cement, $2.50@2.75 per brl; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 per brl; marble dust, $3.25 @3.50; lime in bulk, 85c@$1.00; lime (brls), $1.10@1.25 per brl; white lime, per brl, $1.12½@1.20; plastering hair, per bu, 40@50c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@50.00; building brick (common), $8.00; sewer brick, $12.00@13.00; country brick, $8.00@9.00; fire brick, $12.00@13.50; cement, Louisville, per brl, $2.50@2.75; Milwaukee cement, $2.50@3.00; do common, $14.00; Racine pressed, $30.00, del.; do common, $14.00; Hillsdale, $25.00, del.; Indiana pressed, $22.00@24.00; do common, $12.00; Milwaukee pressed, No. 1, $22.00 do common, $12.00, del.; fire clay, per brl, $3.00, or $2.50@3.00 per ton. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 45 and 5 per cent is made to dealers:

	First quality.	Double strength.
7x10 to 8x10	6.75	9.00
8x14 to 16x18	8.10	12.00
12x18 to 16x24	9.25	16.00
18x22 to 16x30	11.00	19.00
20x26 to 24x30	13.00	21.00
26x30 to 40x50		45.00

GROCERIES—The supply continues to improve both in quality and in quantity, and, although prices are still weak and declining, the situation of the market is more satisfactory to both buyers and sellers. Following are the quotations: New York factory, new, 18@20c; New York factory, new, 18@14c; Elgin factory, 13@14c; Ohio factory, new, 11@13c; Western factory, new, 11@13c.

COAL—Prices were without quotable change, ranging as follows: Lehigh, lump, $6.00; egg, $12.00; prepared, $11.00; Lackawanna, $16.00; brie, $10.00; Briar Hill, $10.00; Walnut Hill, $10.00; Blossburg, $9.50; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Hocking Valley, $9.00; Indiana cannel,

THE JUDICIAL ELECTION.

The Farmers' Associations of Knox County vs. Craig.

To the Farmers of the Fifth Supreme Judicial District:

By way of attempting to reply to a circular issued by the undersigned, three gentlemen of this county, residing in Knoxville and vicinity, have signed for A. M. Craig a circular, the design of which is to bolster up the falling fortunes by distracting the public mind from his character as a railroad Attorney. In their circular they assail the character of several gentlemen who favor Judge Lawrence. As these opponents of the railroad attorney do not assume to be candidates for Supreme Judge, it is unnecessary to say anything in their defence. The only thing necessary to show the absurdity of the circular is to call attention to the fact that it is not signed by its author, and the person who is the best informed in regard to the questions at issue—that it is not signed by Mr. Craig himself. Mr. Craig is the gentleman who should say the charges of his fraud upon the farmers of assuming to be their representative. No other living person can, as no one else so well understands the facts. He has been charged with refusing to take cases against the C., B. & Q. Railroad because he was retained by that Company. He has been charged with every year receiving more or less fees as railroad attorney. He had been charged with making the only feasible project to give Knox County relief from the ruinous and unjust discrimination of the C., B. & Q. Railroad, by opposing, as attorney of the C., B. & Q., the passage of Galesburg from voting aid to the project of "Court Creek" Road. He has been charged with acting in the interest of the railroad monopolies, as a member of the Constitutional Convention, with railroad attorneys, and *never once opening his mouth* in behalf of the people against the railroads.

Now, let him deny if he dares, over his own signature, any one of these charges, as it will be of no avail for him to procure denials of Knox-ville gentlemen who know nothing of the facts. Let him deny them under oath, and he will be afflicted for perjury by the first Grand Jury that assembles in his county.

And, while he is about it, let him deny, if he dares, the *absolute fact* that he rides on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad on a free pass, given to him for services *as attorney*, which does not expire until the 31st day of next December. While he is about it, let him deny that he is supported by Mr. John B. Colton, the representative man of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Galesburg, in all of its designs to thwart the will of the people.

The circular of Mr. Craig, signed by his Knoxville trinity, shows for itself that he is not fitted for the position to which he aspires. In its composition he has proven beyond question that he has neither the natural ability nor literary culture necessary to a member of so high a judicial tribunal, and it is only necessary to call attention to a few of its mistakes to show how frequently a court would err whose opinions were written by its author.

In the first sentence, it states that A. C. Clay, C. A. Hinckley, and A. J. Dunlap are all residents of Galesburg. All live upon their farms in Knox County. Then it states that the charge that he (Craig) is a railway attorney, is *absolutely false*, another error. Again, it states that he has been employed for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy in but *two* cases, when he is *retained* all the time—another error. Also, it says he has prosecuted *scores of cases* for the farmers against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, when he was employed to defend the Company *to advise farmers to settle* when stock was killed, and has not taken cases against the Company for years. Another error. Again, "He has been for years past in sympathy with farmers in their fight against monopolies." Another error. Then the assumption that "*he is personally interested* in the success of the movement and the defeat of the railroad monopolies, for the reason that he owns five large farms in this county" (which he made by railroad fees and "land-sharking"). Another error. Again, the statement that the Court Creek Railroad, which was crushed by Mr. Craig as attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, in which every anti-monopolist in Knox County is interested, is "a gigantic steal," another error. Once more, the assumption that Attorney Craig was against the monopolies in the Constitutional Convention, is one more error. The assumption that A. M. Craig has been frequently elected to office in Knox County by large majorities, is another error.

A. C. Clay and C. A. Hinckley organized the farmers' movement in Knox County for the purpose of putting down monopolies, C. A. Hinckley having been appointed for that purpose by the Bloomington Convention. A. J. Dunlap is somewhat known as a stock-breeder throughout the State. Neither of these owns a dollar of railroad stock, or ever did any business except that of farming. The statement that they are interested in or paid by the railroad company, is another error.

The assumption that the Delegation from Knox County was not manipulated by Craig's friends, and represented the farmers of the district, is moved by the farmers of LaSalle and other counties who are not represented here. The statement that Judge Lawrence showed a "railroad bias" in the Chicago & Alton case, is proven by Judge Thornton in his able letter (in which he calls Judge L. "the pioneer in opposition to railway extortion"), to be another error. The statement that Judge Lawrence (who *does not* own "five farms," but reluctantly left his farm in Warren County, to which he had retired from practice for life, and where he worked with his hands early and late, to become Circuit Judge of this district, and is a modest, unpretending man,) is an aristocrat, is another error. The assumption that M. Craig is in any element of his character, "the peer of Judge Lawrence," is clearly another error. The statements that "against Judge Craig no word of suspicion has ever been uttered. His honor and integrity is unquestioned," are so palpably incorrect, and show such a painful deficiency in knowledge of grammar that none can help observing another error.

If Mr. Craig cannot, in a circular of two columns, write one sentence in which there is not a "error," how would he be able to perform the duties of a Judge and write opinions upon questions of law?

The statement that the defeat of this railway attorney, A. M. Craig, who has been put forward to deceive the farming community, will retard the farmers' movement against the monopolies, is too silly to need denial. It is the first duty of every great reform movement to free itself from the demagogues and harlequins who seek to ride into power upon the wave of popular opinion. When accomplished, and earnest, brave, faithful, representative men come to the front, and, under Republican Government, as precedents are so sacred, nor corporation so potential, that they cannot be brought into accord with the popular will.

It has been proven by Judge Thornton's letter to which reference has been before made, that Judge Lawrence in his written opinion suggested the Alton & St. Louis case, the idea of the shirable law which was passed by the last Legislature. Judge Thornton also shows that Judge Lawrence insisted that the decision should be made at once, to give the Legislature, then in session, an opportunity to amend the law. The railroads are regulating the tariffs and tariffs to conform with the law; and this, through this action of an intelligent and honest Judge, monopolies bow to the people and the reform is well-nigh accomplished. The great mass of the husbandmen are sensible of their indebtedness to Judge Lawrence, and repudiate the nominee of the Princeton Convention. Abolitionists and Henderson Counties have already spoken against the fraudulent pretender, and will hefl to hide through the district as his true pass attending to his duties of railroad attorney.

A. C. CLAY,
Pres't Farmers' Association of Knox County.
C. C. HINCKLEY,
Pres't. of the Galesburg Farmers' Club
A. J. DUNLAP,
Vice-Prest. State Board of Agriculture

Some Warlike Women.

A remarkable old woman, named Virginie Cassquieres, has just departed this life close to Cary, near Paris. She had almost attained her hundredth year, and had behaved with remarkable heroism during the war of the First Empire, at which period she fought as a soldier in the twenty-seventh Regiment. She went through the Peninsular campaign, and gained the rank of sergeant for gallantry and good conduct, and on one occasion she carried off the dead body of her Colonel under fire. While trying to lift up the corpse of her commander two of the enemy approached, upon which she made signs pretending to be wounded; they hurried forward to secure their prisoner, but when they were near she shot one of them, seized his horse, flung the body over the saddle-bow, and rode back to the French lines. The other trooper fled on seeing his comrade fall. The sergeant, however had been wounded, and blood was flowing from the breast. The surgeon insisted on undressing the sergeant, and then it was discovered that the gallant non-commissioned officer belonged to the fair sex.

Widow Le Blanc, name of Virginie Chesquieres among the "Military Women of France" although she list is long, and the author has selected fat more curious stories. Take the case of the Countess of Saint Baslemont, a French lady, who married an officer in the service of the Duke of Lorraine. She had hardly espoused the Count when war broke out, and the lady joined the army of Louis XIII., while her husband fought on the opposite side. We are told that the Countess remained faithful to her lord and master, and, disguised as a man, disarmed in a duel a young cavalier who had importuned her too freely when dressed in the garb of her sex. This heroine is said to have killed more than 400 men; and when Gen. Jean Louis Erlach marched through Champagne, all alone she attacked three German troopers, who were seizing some farm-horses, and held them till her people arrived. She afterwards entered a chateau, by an upper window, and, though abandoned by her comrades, pistol in hand, jumped into a room where there were seventeen men, whom she managed to disarm. These and many other stories are told about the Countess, who was probably a very pretty woman, and acted on the warriors of the period as a virgin is said to work on the natural instincts of the lion. Her life has been written by Father Vernon, under the title of *L'Amazone Chretienne*.

Talking of these warlike women reminds us that at the commencement of the French Revolution a corps of Amazons was raised who offered up prayers to Bellona, an extract of one of which has been handed down to us. It runs: "And we also, we know how to die or conquer; we know how to wield other weapons than the needle and distaff—Goddess, commiserate of Mars, following thy example, all women ought to march in rank with the men. Goddess of forces and courage! thou shalt never have to blush for French women." This corps never saw service, and was succeeded by the Tricoteuses and then by the Lecheuses, who used to lick the blood-stained posts of the guillotine.—*British Army and Navy Gazette.*

John Stuart Mill.

From the New York World, May 23.

The *Tribune* printed, yesterday, a long letter from its correspondent in London, Mr. Smalley, consisting, in the main, of the writer's personal recollections of the illustrious philosopher whose death had just occurred at the date of the letter. Mr. Smalley writes in a strain of eulogy which must be satisfactory to Mr. Mill's American admirers, however surprised they may be to find such unstinted warmth of praise in the *Tribune*, whose late editor underrated Mr. Mill's abilities and regarded him with sentiments very different from admiration; as might be shown, if necessary, by quotations from Mr. Greeley's writings. We are glad to meet so cordial a recognition of Mr. Mill's superiority in that unexpected quarter.

But on one capital point the *Tribune* so strangely misrepresents Mr. Mill that we will point out the error, in the confident hope that our contemporary will rectify it. This expected loyalty to truth is alike due to itself, to its readers, and to the reputation of Mr. Mill. The surprising passage to which we shall call Mr. Smalley's letter is the following:

Presently he touched on Free Trade, a subject which I rather dreaded, but I made haste to ask him whether he still adhered to the well-known statement in his "Political Economy" which Protectionists were in the habit of quoting in their own defense; to the effect, namely: That Free Trade was an abstract doctrine, but a question of circumstances. "Certainly, was his answer. "I have never affirmed anything to the contrary. *I do not presume to say that the United States may not find Protection useful under their present state of development. I do not even say that, if I were an American, I should not be a Protectionist.*" He added that he quite believed the best of the Protectionists held that doctrine as a temporary shelter, till they stood ready to exchange or modify when the country should have proved itself able to compete with European manufactures.

Now, it is absolutely certain that Mr. Mill never used to Mr. Smalley, nor to anybody, the language here ascribed to him. There is no question of veracity; but assuming Mr. Smalley to be ingenuous, he most certainly labors under a singular hallucination. It is wholly impossible that Mr. Mill's language is correctly reported, or that he said anything resembling it. He could not have so flatly contradicted in a private conversation with a stranger, who sought only to interview with a letter of introduction, what he had said a few months before in a very emphatic letter written for publication in an American newspaper. *Of course*, Mr. Smalley is under a hallucination, and the *Tribune* cannot afford to let its correspondent mislead its readers on a point having so close a bearing upon the important controversy in which that journal has so long been the forenost champion of the side which this gross misrepresentation is calculated to strengthen.

Mr. Smalley affirms that Mr. Mill made the astonishing statements which we impugn in the summer of 1866. Now, it so happened that, about three months earlier, to wit, the year 1866, Mr. Mill explicitly authorized the representative of another American journal to make a declaration of his views the exact opposite of that put into his mouth by Mr. Smalley. About the middle of March, 1866, there appeared in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE a London letter of Mr. Mill, containing was an extract from "This eminent writer takes a great interest in the Free-Trade discussion which has been started in the Northwest. *I have had several conversations with him on the subject during the last fortnight, and am permitted and authorized by him to state that he use thinks of his arguments* in favor of the *System of Protection in a young community is improper and illogical.* He will shortly deal with this point himself in your columns, *for he feels acutely the wrong done to his name and the cause of economic truth.*" That was wrong to Mr. Mill's reputation, that name sacred to truth, is now repeated by the *Tribune* in a much more flagrant and aggravated form, when he no longer lives todeny and confute it. Happily, a new refutation by him is not needed, for the former was uttered forth but a little time in advance of the date assigned to this apocryphal and impossible conversation. Mr. Mill himself fulfilled his promise by writing this incisive letter, which appeared in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE about three weeks after its date:

BLACKHEATH PARK, Kent, Feb. 26, 1866.

DEAR SIR: I have to acknowledge a letter from you, dated Feb. 16, asking me to explain a passage of my "Principles of Political Economy" in which I express an opinion that a protecting duty for a limited space of time may be defensible in a new country, as a means of naturalizing a branch of industry that is suited to the country, but which would be unable to establish itself there without some temporary assistance from the State. This passage you say has been made use of by American protectionists as the authority of an English writer on political economy, in favor of the ability to America of the general principle of Protection. This passage has been used for a similar purpose in the Australian Colonies, erroneously, in my opinion, but certainly with more plausibility than can be the case in the United States; or Australia really is a new country, whose capabilities for carrying on manufactures cannot yet be said to have been tested; but the manufacturing power of the United States, New England, and Pennsylvania are no longer new countries; they have carried on manufactures on a large scale, and with the benefit of high protecting duties, for at least a generation; their operatives have had full time to acquire the manufacturing skill in which those of England had preceded them; there has been ample experience to prove that the alleged inability of their manufacturers to compete in the American market with those of Great Britain does not arise merely from the more recent date of their establishment, but from the fact that American labor and capital can, in the present circumstances of America, be employed with greater return and greater advantage to the national wealth in the production of other articles. *I have never for a moment recommended or countenanced any protecting duty, except for the purpose of enabling the protected branch of industry, in a very moderate time, to become independent of protection.* THAT MODERATE TIME IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN EXCEEDED, AND IF THE COTTON AND IRON OF AMERICA STILL NEED PROTECTION AGAINST THOSE OF THE OTHER HEMISPHERE, IT IS IN MY EYES A COMPLETE PROOF THAT THEY OUGHT NOT TO HAVE BEEN, AND THAT THE LONGER IT IS CONTINUED THE GREATER THE INJUSTICE AND THE WASTE OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE.

I confine myself, on the present occasion, to the one special point which you have referred to me, and do not enter into the fallacies of protectionism generally, or of American protectionists in particular. But, since you pay me the compliment of thinking that what is said in my "Principles of Political Economy" is read and listened to by some American readers, I recommend to your notice the further explanations which I have added to the passage quoted by you, in the last published (the People's) edition of that work. I have directed the publisher of your paper to send a copy, if the important journal with which you are connected is pleased to attach any value to my opinion on the subject, that opinion will be found much more completely stated, with additional replies to protectionist arguments, in pp. 556 to 558 of the People's edition. I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, J. S. MILL.

Having made it so evident that Mr. Smalley's letter is calculated to produce a totally false impression in the interest of the American protectionists, we wait to see what remedy the *Tribune's* sense of journalistic honor will impel it to make in the premises. We leave the mode and measure of reparation to its own manly instincts without any suggestions, merely reserving our right to judge, with other American admirers of Mr. Mill, of the inadequacy of the rectification when made.

"A Spartan Mother."

A letter in the New York *Herald*, giving an account of the recent duel at Richmond, Va., says: "It is related of the venerable mother of McClarty that she was aware from the first of her son's intention to call Mordecai to account. That on his suggestion to her as he lay sick from the beating received from Mordecai, that possibly his friends might refuse to bear his message to his opponent, she said, "Be of good cheer, my son; if they refuse, I'll carry it myself." As is known, Col. Tabb being promptly readily consented to act. It is said, I know not with how much truth, that this Spartan mother was not far from the field when the combat took place. At any rate, when the perforated body of her son arrived at home at a late hour on that fatal Friday night, the anxious friends who conveyed him into the maternal presence found every convenience necessary to meet just such a contingency as had happened."

THE DIXON BRIDGE DISASTER.

Mr. Truesdell's Explanation and Defense.

To the Editor of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

Many statements have been published—no two agreeing, yet all claiming to be right—for the falling of Dixon bridge, whereby so many lives were lost. It is this latter specially distressing feature of the case, which, eliciting as it does the keenest sympathy and regret from me, is also an additional incentive to a statement of facts, so far as I am able, in order to relieve the Common Council of Dixon, under whose authority the bridge was built, from the charges of corruption in reference to the letting of the contract, and to vindicate my own honesty and conscientious thoroughness in the construction of the bridge.

The Dixon bridge was 600 feet in length in five spans of 132 5-10 feet each, trusses 17 feet from centre to centre, width some 2 feet each; roadway 18 feet in the clear; two side walks, 6 feet each, making the bridge 30 feet from outside to outside. The bottom chords, including first and second, contained 16 square inches of iron; top chords of sufficient strength to resist a compression force of over 800,000 pounds to each span. All of the wrought iron was manufactured expressly for that bridge, and warranted upon a tensile strain of 60,000 pounds per square inch; and from tests made from bars taken promiscuously from the same, each was found capable of resisting over 80,000 pounds; and I know that I never made a better bridge than the one at Dixon in every particular. After the completion of the bridge, a trial of its strength was made, when each span was loaded with teams and people, as shown by a photograph taken at the time and having a weight of at least 200,000 pounds. The Dixon *Telegraph* of that date thus described the bridge and this test:

The test of the 21st ult., under the direction of the City Council and a competent engineer, consisted of teams with wagons heavily loaded with four and green cord-wood, upon the top of which and coming all the available space on the bridge, were men drawn together to witness the test. This mass, which was more than 6 tons in weight, was moved from span to span under the direction of Mr. Marshal, while the engineer was taking his measurements. Of course, the slightest depression of one span, connected as they are by the iron network, would correspondingly raise the adjoining ones. The engineer, taking the elevation and depression, found the greatest variation under the weight to be only one and one-eighth of inch. The satisfaction with which citizens generally viewed the test, and the high reputation of the contractor, Mr. Truesdell, in its erection, are suitably expressed in a subsequent vote of the Council.

The bridge had sustained a weight of over 200,000 pounds with safety, and was said to have fallen with less than 15,000 pounds. If some of the bolts had been loosened in the top chord near the connections, and weights placed on the side-walk, then the bridge would have fallen precisely as it is said to have fallen; and I cannot conceive of any other cause.

I am accused of bribing the City Council to obtain the contract. This is false by word and act. I did I ever bribe or attempt to bribe, or promise to remunerate in any manner whatever. Neither did either one of them ask, or intimate—in any way whatever—that they wanted, or expected, any compensation from me. Their aim and desire seemed to be to get the best bridge for the city, and I fully believe that if I made the attempt to bribe them, they would not have obtained the contract. I defy any party to show that I ever did bribe or attempt to bribe any party, East or West.

It is stated that many other bridges on the "Truesdell plan" have fallen, each causing the death of many people,—one at Rockford and one at Elgin being named. *I never built a bridge at Rockford, or at Elgin*, neither has there been one there on the "Truesdell plan." In 1866 I built one at Elgin. For the cause of its falling, I quote from the report of the City Council, and a public statement made at the time:

WHEREAS, On the 7th day December inst., 1868, the iron bridge constructed by L. E. Truesdell, Esq., across the Fox River, in this city, was thrown from the piers and precipitated into the river, and whereas, at the time there was on the bridge some 96 head of cattle, averaging 1,100 lbs each, and whereas, it appears from an investigation in Chicago and on behalf of the cattle were near the west end of the bridge they turned around and commenced running, meeting the other portion of the cattle in the centre of the bridge, thereby crowding together, some of the cattle being thrown over the railing on to the sidewalk, causing a side motion which threw the standard from the pier; and whereas, before the bridge was opened for the use of the public its capacity was had by placing upon it at least twice the weight which the builder warranted it to sustain; therefore,

Resolved, That we are satisfied that the destruction of the bridge is caused by any defect in the bridge, or fault of the builder.

From the Elgin Weekly Gazette.

Of the charges of deficiency in the mechanism or construction of the Truesdell bridge, because it fails to hold up sixty-one tons of jumping weight, brought to bear on the side of it, is simply an absurdity. The bridge was built to resist downward, not side weight. The side motion was imparted from the pier, the north side of the span settled, thus careening it partially on to its side, and with sixty-one tons of these frantic animals bounding, jumping and fighting on top of it while in that position, would have crushed any bridge ever made of wood or iron. Take a ball weighing one hundred pounds, placed upon an inclined plane, sufficient to overcome the friction of it, let it roll one inch, and it will take power equal to ten thousand pounds to instantly stop it. This nine thousand and nine hundred pounds of additional power is required to resist the momentum added to the actual weight of the ball. When we take into consideration the momentum caused by the motion of the cattle and added to the sixty-one tons of actual weight, the power necessary to keep it from falling is almost infinite. If the bridge proved equal to the emergency, we should have said Mr. Truesdell had performed a miracle. As it is, we say it is superior in every respect to his recommendations, and is certainly demonstrated to be the best instituted before it was accepted by the city, by the driving of 147 head of cattle across it in a body, and, at a later date, when 238 had passed over it, literally covering the bridge from end to end.

One end of one span again fell, the other remaining on the pier, and here, again, I leave the cause to the sworn statements of eleven men, who had never been in my employ, and who raised the fallen end:

State of Illinois, County of Kane, ss.

The undersigned, having been first duly sworn, on the oath each for himself, deposes and says: That we assisted taking up the span of the Truesdell bridge which fell at Elgin, Illinois, on the 5th of July last; that we found the chords in said bridge, twelve in number, at each end of each span, more or less slightly cracked; that the one broken chord was on the part still resting on the pier, and the balance of the chords were all in their positions. Said affiants further say that some of the bolts of the first chord were missing; that the bolts connecting the caps were loosened; and that the stone from the abutment had fallen under the bridge, instead of on the top of the same.

JAMES S. WILCOX, Turner Junction,
WILLIAM E. SCOTT, Turner Junction,
CHARLES W. GUTHILL, Elgin.
CHARLES H. KNIGHT, Elgin.
R. M. CARTHY, Chicago.
A. HOBSON, Chicago.
FERNANDO WEBB, Plato.
JAMES MURPHY, Elgin.
WILLIAM J. ROGERS, Elgin.
HENRY (his x mark) WARD, Elgin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of August, A. D. 1869.

JOHN S. WILCOX, Notary Public.

It is nearly eighteen years since I began building iron bridges, and the Elgin and Dixon bridges are the only ones that have fallen, and *no loss of life except at Dixon.* Can as much be said of any other plan? L. E. TRUESDELL.

WARREN, Mass., May 19, 1873.

The Chicago gamblers have subscribed $500 for a monument to a deceased member of their craft, who, we are told, will be raised from the common burying-ground and interred in another. We have heard of *raising* a live gambler out, but we have never heard of betting being so high as to raise out a dead one.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Fort Dodge (Iowa) is having a great temperance revival, and with it a good deal of a row. The city officials, determined to put into practical effect the existing prohibitory enactments, are seizing all the liquors they can find in the hands of unauthorized parties and emptying the same upon the ground. Among other goods confiscated was a quantity of ale, sent out by wholesale dealers of Dubuque, the authorities claiming that ale comes under the prohibition. The aforesaid dealers claim that ale is beer, and, therefore, exempt under the statute which provides for the sale of beer. This difference of opinion is the cause of an expensive law-suit, the main point of which case seems to be to ascertain the difference between ale and beer. The case is having a jury trial, and what their decision will be no man can foretell.

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FOR SALE—GOOD LOTS ON THE FOLLOWING streets: State, Burnside, Butterfield, Arnel, Garfield, Hanover, Butler, Wallace, Summer, Mr. Pleasant, Lincoln, Dearborn, Wabash, Michigan, Rhodes and Forest-ave.; also on Alexander, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Fourth, Fontaine, and Thirty-eighth-sts. This period. Also, Lots in Lake View. A very small payment down, to reply time; 6 per cent interest. No cash payment. Apply to owner, ALBERT CLARK, 62 Clark-st.

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FOR SALE—CHEAP LOTS—BY JACOB C. MAGILL, No. 154 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—FINE LOTS ON Washington-st. and Warren-av., corner, and east of Halsted-st., by HENRY INGLEHEW, 163 LaSalle-st., Room 17 Bryan Block.

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FOR SALE—10 ACRES NEXT TO CITY LIMITS, ON N. Ashland-av., at a bargain; step for cash or time to be sold at once, or withdrawn from market for a year. ALFRED L. SEWELL & CO., Real Estate Brokers, 159 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS AT NORTHWESTERN CAR Works, from $400 up. Come and take a drive, and see the property. H. KLEIN & SENKE, 143 LaSalle-st.

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WANTED—ACRES! ACRES! ACRES!—WE HAVE constant inquiries for acre property; can make quick sales at good prices. JACOB C. MAGILL, 81 and 83 South Clark-st.

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LOST—ON MICHIGAN-AV., BETWEEN TWENTY-ninth and Sixteenth-sts., Sunday afternoon, a blue ostrich plume; the finder will be suitably rewarded on bearing it at 1304 Prairie-av.

LOST—A REWARD FOR THE RETURN TO 59 Wabash-av., of a little black and tan shot 1 year old; lost last Saturday evening.

LOST—$25 REWARD—A BLACK AND TAN SLUT on Rice Island, O.; answers to name of Dolly; had on a red collar, and has one tooth out. Room 4, 76 Madison-st.

STRAYED—BLACK HORSE ABOUT 14 HANDS high, large ware under jaw, and bandage on leg; any one returning the same to 168 South Water-st. will be liberally rewarded.

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FOR SALE—A SPLENDID FARM, 240 ACRES, 1½ miles, near the above; $36,000.

FOR SALE—A brick residence, 18 rooms, at Highland Park; $14,000.

FOR SALE—Stone residence, 15 rooms, on University place, Evanston; $18,000; $15,000.

Stock and dairy farm of 240 acres near Elgin, Ill. $10,000.

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Call from 2 to 4 p. m., at Room 29 Tribune Building.

FOR SALE—2 ACRE LOTS, SUBDIVISION OF 10 acres, well improved, good, dry prairie land, adjoining Parker or Fort Wayne Railroad, 23 miles from Chicago; $85 per acre; 1, 2, and 3 years; 8-room cottage, with cellar, well, cistern, pump, and barn, for sale Friday and Monday. Room 2, basement, 167 Monroe-st.

FOR SALE CHEAP FARM 640 ACRES OF LAND, 120 plowed, 10 acres of hops; crops on the ground; hop house, 24x60, with kiln; barn 24x60; dwelling contains 12 rooms; plenty of shade; cherry; price $4,000; terms reasonable. For particulars address J. D. SARLES, P. M., Armenia, Juneau Co., Wis.

FOR SALE—COAL LAND AT BRAIDWOOD; 80 acres in Section 13, in Grundy County, in centre of good coal field, now being worked. Address MIDDLETON, P. O. Box 1904, New York.

FOR SALE—A FARM OF 160 ACRES, WITH IMprovements, at Delavan, Tazewell County, Ill. The land is of the best quality. Terms of sale very easy. Apply to FRICKHAM & BROWN, Newspaper Stock, Room 6, corner of Clark and Washington-sts.

TO RENT—HOUSES.

TO RENT—DWELLING, 1134 PRAIRIE-AV.; RENT No. 2 per month; 14 rooms. Apply to BONT. RAE, 132 Dearborn-st.

TO RENT—A VERY GOOD HOUSE, WITH 8 CHAMbers and 2 double parlors, all modern improvements. In one of the very best locations in the city—on the lake and Twenty-third-st. Apply for terms, etc., on the premises. The best of reference given and required. Address HOME, Tribune office.

TO RENT—OR SELL CHEAP, GOOD HOUSES ON Jackson and Adams-sts., east of California-av. Address 1091 Jackson-st.

TO RENT—A STONE-FRONT 3-STORY AND basement house on Michigan-av., will sell or rent the furniture, including paintings, if desired. Terms reasonable to satisfactory parties. Address Z 57, Tribune office.

TO RENT—A SPLENDID HOUSE, 264 SOUTH Dearborn-st., corner Thirty-ninth; only $30 per month. Inquire of J. W. GOULD, 59.

TO RENT—HOUSES IN GOOD LOCATIONS, cheap, to good tenants. JACOB C. MAGILL, 81 and 83 South Clark-st.

TO RENT—FRAME DWELLING WITH BARN, CORner Lake-st. and Wabansea-av. Inquire at 61 Illinois-st.

TO RENT—HOUSE 110 LOOMIS-ST. CHACE & ABELL, 184 Dearborn-st.

TO RENT—HOUSE OF 9 ROOMS, FURNISHED or unfurnished, with stable and two acres of ground, corner Indiana-av. and Fifty-second-st., on the boulevard and park, within a few minutes walk from steam cars. Rent very moderate. Apply on premises, or at C. Rea's, 23.

TO RENT—TWO NEW HOUSES, 6 ROOMS, GOOD neighborhood, six minutes' walk from Union Park. C. W. DEAN, 126 South Clark-st., Room 16.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME BUILDING, 36 Hubbard-st., containing 9 rooms and 2 closets; will be rented cheap to good, respectable people. Apply at 16 Hubbard-st.

TO RENT—HOUSE AND LARGE LOT, WITH good barn, on Walnut-st., all modern improvements. GEORGE D. PEASE, 79 West Madison-st.

TO RENT—A BRICK HOUSE OF 10 ROOMS, HOT and cold water, and gas fixtures. No. 722 Throop-st. Inquire at 136 Throop-st.

TO RENT—CHEAP—TWO 2-STORY AND BASEment houses on Irving-place, newly refitted, nice neighborhood; rent $30 and $40. Also, 2-story house, 75 Jackson-st.; closets, gas, water, barn, large lot; rent, $35. Also, 2-story frame house, with closets, &c., at 213 D. H. PECK, corner of Green and Blanchard-sts.

TO RENT—FINE HOUSE, 24 SEMINARY-AV., 1071 Wabash-av., 12 rooms. House 73 Honore-st., SNYDER & LEE, 13 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

TO RENT—NEW TWO-STORY AND BASEMENT 9-brick house, 11 rooms, all modern improvements; hydraulic hoist; rent $35. Also, 2-story and basement frame house, 33 Warren-av., near Union Park, 10 rooms. SNYDER & LEE, 13 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

Suburban.

TO RENT—A LUXURIOUSLY FURNISHED RESIdence at Highland Park, new, brick, neat barn, and grounds. Address at once, Room 2 and 3, Tribune Building.

TO RENT—OAK PARK—TWO-STORY HOUSE, 8 rooms, near depot; large lots; cheap rent. KEELER, PLATT & CO., Real Estate Agents, 147 Randolph-st., over Fidelity Bank.

TO RENT—ROOMS.

TO RENT—FINE DESK ROOM. APPLY TO E. RYAN & CO., Insurance Agents, 210 LaSalle-st.

TO RENT—ELEGANTLY FURNISHED ROOMS, by the day, week, or month. 20 Dearborn-st.; charges reasonable.

TO RENT—HANDSOMELY-FURNISHED ROOMS by the day, week, or month, at the ST. JULIEN, 151 and 153 Dearborn-st. Terms reasonable.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH OR without board, at 70 West Madison-st.

TO RENT—ROOMS, INQUIRE IN BUILDING 109 Fifth-av., Room 5.

TO RENT—PLEASANT ROOMS IN BRICK house, 34 Monroe-st.

TO RENT—ROOMS FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, with or without board. 91 Eldridge-court.

TO RENT—ONE FRONT PARLOR AND BEDroom nicely furnished at 158 West Jackson-st. corner Halsted.

TO RENT—3 OR 4 ROOMS IN A NEW BRICK building. Barn in the rear. Apply at 115 Miller-st.

TO RENT—NORTHEAST CORNER PARK-AV. and Robey-st., 3 rooms and closets on first floor, suitable for a small family for a small rent. Also, 2 rooms below, and cheap rent; a very desirable location and good neighborhood. one block from street-cars which leave every four minutes. Inquire on premises.

TO RENT—2 LARGE AND 2 SMALL FURNISHED rooms, to gentlemen, 413 West Madison-st.

TO RENT—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED rooms at 177 Twenty-first-st.

TO RENT—THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS of 74 Fifth-av., between Madison and Monroe-sts. Will be rented cheap to a responsible party. Also, basement of said building to rent. Apply on premises.

TO RENT—FOR TWO QUIET GENTLEMEN, A pleasant front room, with closets, gas, and water; good neighborhood. 211 West Jackson-st.

TO RENT—ELEGANTLY FURNISHED SUITE OF rooms on first floor; with or without gas and attendance. No. 1045 Wabash-av., between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth-sts.

TO RENT—STORES, OFFICES, &c.

TO RENT—STORES—99 FEET FRONT BY 193 FEET deep, on Randolph-st., between Clark and Dearborn, to be improved.

TO RENT—STORES 20, 40, 60, or 80 feet front, and finish to suit tenants. Apply to C. M. UPDIKE, corner Taylor-st. and Pacific-av.

TO RENT—STORE NO. 95 SOUTH HALSTED-ST.; also 3 large rooms, and a small basement. Inquire on the premises.

TO

WASHINGTON.

More Promises in the Way of Civil-Service Reform.

Butler Happens upon a Good Speculation.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

BUTLER IN LUCK.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Several weeks since Ben Butler bought a large tract of land just outside the northern limits of the city. The tract consisted of 300 acres, the price paid being about $1,000 per acre. Land in that vicinity being in no great demand, it was generally considered that Butler had made a bad investment. It now transpires that the Commission appointed by Congress to select a site for the new Presidential mansion have determined to recommend the purchase of the identical tract.

MISMANAGEMENT.

The famous Seneca Sandstone Company has been put into the hands of a receiver. Mismanagement is said to be the cause of the decline of the once flourishing corporation, from which Gen. Grant, a stockholder, recently withdrew.

A HANDSOME AMPHITHEATER

is being erected at Arlington Cemetery, at an estimated cost of $12,000, furnished by the Quartermaster-General from the United States funds in his charge. The amphitheatre is to be a permanent structure, in which decoration ceremonies will be held. It will probably never be used more than about twice a year.

MARYLAND POLITICS.

The Hon. Montgomery Blair is spoken of as a candidate for the Maryland Legislature from Montgomery County, on the Democratic, and Judge Bowie, of the Circuit (including the above and Frederick Counties, on the Radical ticket, at the next fall election. The campaign throughout the State will be a very lively one.

PERSONAL.

L. L. Bond, Chairman of the Finance Committee in the Chicago Common Council, will be detained in this city on law business for some days, and will not be able to return to Chicago before the end of the week. *The City Finance* bill will be postponed until he returns.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE CIVIL SERVICE—PROMISED REFORMS.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—It is ascertained, from those having the best means of information, that the action of the Civil-Service Advisory Board, at the present session, will encourage the growth, and thus render more efficient the contemplated reforms. They believe, after their consultation with the President and members of the Cabinet on Saturday, that the Administration is determined to give the support which is needed. It was generally agreed that some modifications are demanded as the results of experience, but while the changes in details will be slight, the features and scope of the system will not only remain unimpaired, but be invigorated. The Board will in a few days complete its work of revision, when the changes will be made public. Assurance is given that they will contain nothing from which the true friends of reform will dissent, while it is believed the greatest need is a better instructed and more discriminating public opinion upon the subject.

THE OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS

and stamped envelopes are not to be used before the 1st of July, when the act abolishing the franking privileges goes into effect. These stamps and envelopes are furnished for postal business only, and consequently they must not be sold or used on private correspondence or business, or applied to any private purposes whatever. Under no circumstances must they be sold, loaned, or given to any officer, agent, or clerk of any other department of the Government. A violation of any of these prohibitions will be held to constitute good ground for removal. Until further notice stamped envelopes of special design will be furnished to fifth-class offices only. Other offices will be supplied as now with the official unstamped envelopes for use with the official stamps.

THE PRESIDENT

contemplates a trip to Norfolk, Petersburg, and Richmond early in June, to be absent from Washington about three days.

THE COURT-HOUSE PLANS.

An Impartial and Competent Tribunal Demanded.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There is not an intelligent man in this city who is not interested in the solution of this Court-House question. It is a matter of immense importance, as every one of honest purpose desires that this building shall be an architectural model, to instruct and elevate our people.

Standing in the heart of a peculiar and wonderful city, it should be an edifice free, so far as it can be made, from blunders and stupidities marring its beauty.

Are we to put millions of dollars into such a building? Is the old Court-House disgrace to be repeated? From present indications it looks as if such might be the case. I am not a judge, and do not assume the rank of critic, but write simply as a citizen, deeply interested in everything calculated to promote the welfare and beauty of this city.

Upon one point the public are agreed; the selection must be a fair one. The present committee is large, too little acquainted with the rules and principles of the highest architecture, to come to any conclusion that will be satisfactory to the tax-payers and the people.

This fact may be deemed as already established. The judgment, and knowledge, and taste of the various members of the Committee are so discordant that nothing like unity can ever be reached. This voting on plans does not decide anything. The opinion of one great disinterested architect is worth more than that of a thousand merchants, and lawyers, and doctors, on a complicated and difficult question of art. Every man of sense will admit this.

I entertain high respect for the present Committee, and would not write or say a disrespectful word of them. But I am thoroughly convinced that they are incompetent to decide which of the forty-nine plans submitted to them is the best one for the new Court-House. Nor, should they vote for forty years, is it likely that they would arrive at a unanimous verdict. And, even should they finally be able to decide upon one plan, it is highly improbable that it would be the best plan.

Architects of genius and experience, who determine the real value, and settle, in the end, the reputation of all great works of art, might pronounce their verdict that our boasted Court-House was one of the most imperfect and expensive follies of the age.

We cannot afford to run so gigantic a risk.

It is said by some that architects are not good critics on the other hand, it may be affirmed with certainty that no one can be a true art-critic who is ignorant of the rules, principles, and aims of art.

Can a man who can scarcely distinguish one musical note from another be transformed into a musical critic, by an election to the office of Alderman or Board of Public Works? Can men who know not one star from another determine the mysteries of astronomical science? Such illustrations can be carried to any extent, and they prove irresistibly that a body of men unacquainted with architecture or criticism are absolutely inadequate to settle this Court-House difficulty without recourse to men who have made the subject a study, and who are thoroughly familiar with its principles and details.

For the public health, we employ physicians. For the decision of legal questions, a competent lawyer is employed. But, for the building of an edifice that will cost an immense sum, and which will stand for centuries, a monument of our taste or folly, we deem it sufficient to take the decision of men of inexperience, and allow the greatest number of ignorant votes to settle the question.

It seems strange that argument should be required in a case where common sense so clearly points out the way.

We must have a "change of venue." Justice to the architects, to the tax-payers, and the people, requires that everything connected with this Court-House business should be as clear and open as daylight.

Honest as the present Committee may be, they are breathing an impure atmosphere,—a moral atmosphere filled with temptation and corruption. A disinterested tribunal must be sought for; it cannot be found in this city. It is true that we have some artists of talent. But nearly the same objections would apply to them as to the present Committee. Besides, it would be hard to call upon a jury of our own architects to judge their fellow-architects. Interest, envy, jealousy, might, and undoubtedly would, affect their judgment.

The forty-nine plans show clearly enough the taste and talent of our architects. We have reason to feel proud of them. What is wanted is a competent judge or judges to decide between their plans, and disinterestedly select from the entire number the one that has the highest merit. This can only be done by artists who have no special interests in this city, and who are unacquainted with the competing architects.

In this way, we shall surely arrive at a just conclusion,—just as the United States and England recently did, in a matter of far greater importance, by referring the questions in dispute to the judgment of impartial powers. This is always the best policy, and the only policy by which a clear and entirely disinterested verdict can be obtained; and I am sure that not a stone will be permitted to be laid, as the foundation for the new Court-House, until the public are satisfied that justice has been done.

Either refer the question to three Eastern architects, from different cities, or to the Board of Trustees of the American Institute of Architects, in New York City, or to some other properly-qualified body of artists. Several of our most prominent citizens might be allowed to *cooperate*, as representatives of Chicago and its press.

Let such a committee, sinking all individual preferences, consult some Eastern tribunal of architects, and I am certain the result would be of such a character as would solve the Court-House question, to the satisfaction of all. Yours truly,

J. ISAIAS WARREN.

THE BILLIARD KING.

How He Spent His First Sabbath in Chicago—Three Matches Made with Bessunger.

Mons. Ubassy, the great French billiardist, played a quiet game with Henry Rhines at Foley's Hall yesterday afternoon in the presence of a small audience. The game was of the three-ball description, 300 points up, and was won by the visitor by 78 points. Ubassy's play was not remarkable, but his general style was sufficient to convince the spectators that he is unquestionably the greatest player of French billiards in the world. Toward the close of the game he made a run of 60, during which he did but little nursing or round-the-table play. His object appears to be not to collect the balls, but to have them in favorable positions for plain, long shots. For a man who scarcely ever handles a cue, Rhines played well. His score and average were very creditable. At the conclusion of the game, Ubassy, Foley, and Lacome, called on Bessunger, and succeeded in making three splendid matches for $250 a side each. The first one will be played on Thursday evening next, and will be a game of 400 points French, Bessunger receiving the odds of a discount. The second game will occur on Monday evening next, when Ubassy will play 600 points to Bessunger's 400. The third match will be contested on Thursday evening week, the number of points to be 800, and Bessunger's odds a discount. The games will be played in the Amphitheatre, if it can be secured, and the audiences will undoubtedly be the largest that have ever attended a billiard match in this country. The contests are sure to be close, as Bessunger is nobody's fool at the French game. A great many people look upon him as the equal of either of the Dions when playing with three balls.

SUBURBAN.

HYDE PARK.

A regular meeting of the Hyde Park Trustees was held on Saturday afternoon. The five bills of John McCaffrey, approved at last meeting, had to be reconsidered, in order that warrants might be ordered out of the proper accounts. An error of $100 was also made in the warrant for police pay-roll, and was corrected, by ordering $100 issued to Capt. Binford for amount advanced by him. Bills and pay-rolls were ordered to be paid, as follows:

Charles Creighton, grading Ninety-fifth street.	$600.00
Sam. G. Rhoades, engineering	204.75
Charles Creighton, grading Wabash avenue	150.00
Charnley Bros. & Co., lumber	27.00
Charles Creighton, grading Forty-fifth street	25.00
Daniel Healy, superintendence	150.00
Charles Creighton, grading Fifty-ninth street	50.00
Judges and Clerks, Fourth Election District	15.00
Murdock McCrea, Fifty-first street pier	190.00
Charles Creighton, grading Forty-sixth street	75.00
Mary Gray, services at Village Hall	7.50
Pay-rolls to make State street passable	378.28
Pay-rolls on South Chicago avenue	239.25
Pay-rolls on cleaning ditches on same	356.75
Pay-rolls on repairs on Ninety-fifth street	59.50
Pay-rolls on repairs on Forty-third street	104.00
Pay-rolls on twelve different improvements	224.25
Total	$3,106.28

Many bills, petitions, and communications were crowded back to next week, for want of time.

License as sewer-builder was granted to Andrew Wright. It was ordered that the price of sewer-license be fixed at $10; that they shall expire April 15 next, and bond be required in the sum of $5,000. The petition for a twelve-inch sewer on Madison avenue, from Fiftieth to Fifty-first street, received favorable report, with instructions to the Attorney to prepare an ordinance, but was then laid over, at the request of the President, in order that a proper system may be adopted, as to size, for all connections with said sewer.

License was granted John Mang to keep a saloon. The Committee made favorable report for Frantz & Kroker, at Holland Settlement, and Palmer & Arnold, at Grand Crossing, but, objection being made in the interest of the remonstrants, both had to lie over.

The petition for an additional policeman in the Second District met with a recommendation to appoint Michael Kennedy, and was then laid over one week.

Gray's Addition to Cornell was approved.

President Cady, Richard S. Thompson, and George M. Bogue were appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and open the accounts, according to the new regulations under village organization.

SOUTH CHICAGO.

It is announced by Col. Gaston that South Chicago harbor is nearly ready for a formal opening, worthy of the great work which has cost the United States already $120,000. It was ordered that it be inaugurated on the 7th of June by railway and steamer excursions, and Gilmore's Band, President Cady and his four assistants are to make the arrangements.

EVANSTON.

The forthcoming commencement promises to be an occasion of unusual interest. In addition to the customary exercises of the University, Biblical Institute, and Ladies' College, the inauguration of Dr. Charles H. Fowler as President of the University will take place. It will occur on the forenoon of the University commencement, June 26. Extensive preparations are making for the occasion. The weather being favorable, the inaugural address will be delivered in the grove. A collation, furnished by the ladies of Evanston, will be spread in the grove at the conclusion of the morning exercises.

The next number of the *Lakeside* will contain a history of the Northwestern University, by Dr. Charles H. Fowler.

On Thursday evening last the Trustees of the Baptist Church met at the residence of Charles F. Grey for the purpose of selecting a plan for their new church. After examination and discussion, the plan presented by Mr. Chapman, of Chicago, was selected. This plan contemplates a brick church, without basement, trimmed with stone, and with a spire 190 feet high. The cost will be from $20,000 to $30,000.

Mr. Andrew J. Brown has contracted for the erection of two brick stores, three stories high, on his lot near Davis street.

SOUTH EVANSTON.

The new sewer at this suburb, which extends from the west ridge to the lake, has just been completed, and is working finely.

The removal of Calvary Cemetery is being agitated, and the Catholics and Protestants both are said to be in favor of the idea. The Bishop has lately secured a large tract of land on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Road, and it is thought would make the change if the proper influences were brought to bear. If this could be effected it would open for residence some of the most desirable locations between Evanston and Chicago.

COAL-TROUBLES AT BRAIDWOOD.

BRAIDWOOD, Will Co., Ill., May 23, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: A question of considerable importance to the coal-consumers of Chicago is now being agitated at this place, a dispute having arisen between the coal-miners here and their employers, the Chicago & Wilmington Coal Company. Braidwood is situated fifty-four miles from Chicago, on the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad. At this place is mined all the coal known as Wilmington coal. The principal mine-owners here are the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermilion Coal Company. They employ about 800 miners, who are paid $1.25 per ton. The employers have demanded, during the past four years, that the miners should sign a contract in which they promised to continue at work at the price stated, for and during the year after the day of signing. This contract has heretofore been signed on or about the 1st day of May in each year. The miners have signed it every year during the last four, but refuse to sign it this year. Hence there is a suspension of work at the mines of the C., W. & V. Coal Company, as the Company will not allow the miners to go to work until they sign the contract for the coming year. Why, you may ask, do not the miners sign and go to work? The reason is this: The miners have resolved to work only eight hours each day; and the Company have demanded, in their contract, that the miners shall work ten hours each day. The miners claim that, as they are paid only for what they produce, the Company have no right to dictate to them how long they shall take to produce it. The Company, on the other hand, contend that, as the mines are their property, they have the right to say who they shall employ, and how long they shall work.

The result of all this is, that we have a goodly number of workmen idle in Braidwood, and coal-consumers may look for an advance in prices if this matter is not soon settled. I see a supply of coal is being brought from the Streator mines, in LaSalle County, to make up for the deficiency in the Chicago market caused by the falling off of the Braidwood supply. Streator coal is inferior in quality when compared to Wilmington coal, but the necessities of Chicago folks will compel them to pay the same price for it.

AN OBSERVER.

ATTEMPTED VILLAINY.

A bold attempt to outrage an unsuspecting girl was frustrated by Officer Laughlin, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. About the hour named the officer heard a woman screaming. Thinking it something very unusual at that hour, he proceeded to the corner of Clinton and Monroe streets, from whence the cries seemed to come. There he found a carriage standing in the middle of Clinton street, and a woman who was inside seemed to be struggling to get away from a man. The officer crept slowly up to the carriage from the rear, and becoming satisfied that something was wrong, he commanded the man to come out. At first he refused, but the officer resolutely told him that he must obey. The fellow came out, and proved to be a man named Charles Free, a bar-tender at the Pacific Varieties, on West Madison street. He was taken with the girl to the Union Street Station. The latter told a pitiful story. She said that about midnight she was returning unaccompanied from a ball on the North Side to her home on West Washington street. She became lost, and wandered about until she got to the corner of Washington and Clinton streets. Here she was accosted by Free, who asked her where she was going. Not suspecting but that he was a proper character, she told him where her home was, and, when he offered to take her there in a closed carriage, she consented to go. She relates that they had not driven far when he began to take improper liberties with her. She says he was under the influence of liquor. He finally became brutal in his treatment, striking her in the face with his fist because she still resisted his improper advances. She cried for some time before she was heard. The hackman gave no head to her cries, and was, doubtless, ready to assist the brute who had hired him in accomplishing the poor girl's ruin. Yesterday afternoon Free was bailed out of prison, and soon after the girl, who hrd been detained as a witness, was let out, also, some one having made a deposit of $25 for her appearance before Justice Scully this morning. It is believed, however, that the deposit was made in the interest of the villain, and that the girl will be prevented from appearing against him.

THEY KEPT THEIR PROMISE.

All the lager-beer saloons on Clark street, north of Chicago avenue, were wide open yesterday, and did a flourishing business. They have never been actually closed since the Sunday law went into effect, but they were conducted in an orderly manner, and gave no particular offense to any person. Yesterday, however, there was no attempt at concealment. Beer was dispensed before the eyes of the police force and the rest of the world, and the saloons were filled with jolly crowds. This seems to be the object of the organization known as the Saloon-Keepers' Union, and now that the members thereof have snapped their fingers in the faces of the authorities, perhaps Cadi Kaufman, of the North Side Police Court, will vindicate the law by fining them with a severe reprimand.

"RISKS" VS. "THE VICTIMS."

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In THE TRIBUNE of yesterday it was stated that the audiences at Rooley's on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, when my comedy "Risks" was presented for the seventeenth and eighteenth time, were not equal to those on "the off nights" when "The Victims" was given. This statement is incorrect. "Risks" drew more money than did "The Victims," and during the first two weeks of its run the receipts were many hundreds of dollars larger than any other two consecutive weeks of the present prosperous season. Yours very respectfully,

CHICAGO, May 25, 1873. BARTLEY CAMPBELL.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Paine and Tinker, the Eastern shots, left for their homes last evening, wiser and poorer men.

Richard Brown, the man who was crushed between two freight cars at the Eighteenth street depot on Saturday, died yesterday afternoon at his late residence, No. 632 South Union street. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

William Pinkerton, the detective, arrived in the city yesterday, after several months' absence in Europe, whither he went on criminal business of importance. It was mainly due to his skill that the Bank of England forgers were arrested.

There were seven violators of the 11 o'clock ordinance arrested on the North Side last night. During the day there was a general disobedience of the Sunday law, and in Capt. Gund's district twenty-five saloon-keepers are summoned to appear next Saturday.

A respectable German named Edward Olsson almost bled to death, from the nose, last night, at the Union Street Police Station. He was found by an officer in an almost lifeless condition, on Union street near Lake. Dr. Flemming, whose office is at the corner of Washington and Desplaines streets, was called in, and after a time stopped the flow of blood. Olsson, however, was unable to go home, and was kept in the station during the night.

Yesterday the saloon of Frank Schwehen, under the Globe Theatre, was kept open during the entire day. At 11 o'clock last night Officer Laughlin went in to arrest Schwehen. He seemed to labor under the mistaken supposition that the penalty was the same whether he offended the Sunday law or the 11 o'clock ordinance, and at first resisted arrest. A crowd of men in the saloon gathered around the officer and began to taunt and revile him for transcending, as they supposed, his authority. Boundsman Simmons, having anticipated some trouble there, arrived with three men soon after, and the saloon-keeper and all his customers were arrested.

PERSONAL.

Lieut.-Gov. Holt, of Michigan, has gone to Europe.

R. W. Thompson is now general managing attorney for the entire Vandalia line.

R. E. Trowbridge, ex-M. C., has taken up his residence on the farm of Senator Chandler, near Lansing, Mich.

The widow of Gen. R. E. Lee, an invalid for years, is about to visit her relative, Mrs. Fitzhugh, at Alexandria, Va.

Dr. H. T. Selby, for thirty years identified with the interests of Milwaukee, has taken up his residence in Chicago.

Tom Fletcher, late of the First National Bank, at Marshalltown, has been appointed Auditor of the Central Railroad of Iowa.

Ex-Judge Albert L. Baker, a member of the New York Constitutional Convention in 1846, died, last Thursday, in Buffalo, N. Y.

Col. Chas. P. Holcombe, formerly proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Alton, Ill., died last Wednesday evening, at Jerseyville.

Sam. Walker resigns a seat in the Kansas Senate (and a vote for United States Senator, next winter), to be City Marshal of Lawrence, Kans.

It is authoritatively rumored at Milwaukee, that Alex. Mitchell and S. S. Merrill are soon to retire from the St. Paul Road.—*La Crosse Democrat.*

Joaquin Miller has informed a Boston man that he is to be married soon to an English lady of fortune, the only daughter of Sir T. D. Hardy, of London.

John Teesdale, formerly of the *Iowa State Register*, leaves Harlan's Washington *Chronicle* and returns to Iowa without an office, and Saunders, of the Clinton paper, goes to Washington in his place.

John C. Burch, Comptroller of Tennessee and editor of the Nashville *Union and American*, is mentioned for the vacancy in the corporation of Yale College occasioned by the resignation of Joseph E. Sheffield.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has appointed Benjamin E. Fletcher to be Prothonotary of the court for the Eastern District, in place of J. Rex Snowden, whose term expires in September.

Gen. Hugh J. Campbell, one of the most violent agitators of the McEnery party in New Orleans, is the son of a Presbyterian preacher who for many years taught a female school at Athens, Ohio.

Gen. John Eccles has resigned as President of the Louisville, Lexington & Cincinnati Shortline Railroad, and returns to his law practice at Staunton, Va. J. P. Wilder, of Louisville, has been elected President of the road.

Wm. Fisher, once a wealthy miller of St. Louis, lately died in the poor-house in Belleville, Ill. The cause of his downfall was attempting to furnish flour to the "Confederates," and having his property confiscated by the Government.

It seems to strike Welles, Gideon, that if he can show that Lincln would have preferred Col. Dayton for Minister to England to Charles Francis Adams, he has rther made a point on Adams. We greatly fear Admiral Welles is infirm.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

Gladstone visiting at the castle of the Duke of Argyle, not long since, his Grace is the father-in-law of the British Government,—the Duke requested him to "raise the tune" (a Scotch psalm) at family worship, and the Premier did so. The gossips have always made him out a Catholic, but now they will convert him to Presbyterianism.

Kellogg complains that "the d—d cowards haven't the courage to fire a man,"—that they shot at him when his back was turned. From the celerity with which he turned his back on that occasion, and from the velocity with which he glided away, we infer that the party who gets a front shot at him will have to be very spry on his feet and very quick on trigger.—*St. Louis Republican.*

OBITUARY.

Father De Smet.

From the St. Louis Democrat, May 24.

Father De Smet, for the last half century one of the most prominent of Jesuit missionaries, died at a quarter past 2 o'clock yesterday morning, at the St. Louis University, corner of Ninth and Green streets. Not only were the threads of his life intimately interwoven with the affairs of his church and society, but he was closely connected with the early history of this State where she was going. Not suspecting but that he was a proper character, she told him where her home was, and, when he offered to take her there in a closed carriage, she consented to go. She relates that they had not driven far when he began to take improper liberties with her. She says he was under the influence of liquor. He finally became brutal in his treatment, striking her in the face with his fist because she still resisted his improper advances. She cried for some time before she was heard. The hackman gave no head to her cries, and was, doubtless, ready to assist the brute who had hired him in accomplishing the poor girl's ruin. Yesterday afternoon Free was bailed out of prison, and soon after the girl, who hrd been detained as a witness, was let out, also, some one having made a deposit of $25 for her appearance before Justice Scully this morning. It is believed, however, that the deposit was made in the interest of the villain, and that the girl will be prevented from appearing against him.

THEY KEPT THEIR PROMISE.

All the lager-beer saloons on Clark street, north of Chicago avenue, were wide open yesterday, and did a flourishing business. They have never been actually closed since the Sunday law went into effect, but they were conducted in an orderly manner, and gave no particular offense to any person. Yesterday, however, there was no attempt at concealment. Beer was dispensed before the eyes of the police force and the rest of the world, and the saloons were filled with jolly crowds. This seems to be the object of the organization known as the Saloon-Keepers' Union, and now that the members thereof have snapped their fingers in the faces of the authorities, perhaps Cadi Kaufman, of the North Side Police Court, will vindicate the law by fining them with a severe reprimand.

"RISKS" VS. "THE VICTIMS."

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In THE TRIBUNE of yesterday it was stated that the audiences at Rooley's on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, when my comedy "Risks" was presented for the seventeenth and eighteenth time, were not equal to those on "the off nights" when "The Victims" was given. This statement is incorrect. "Risks" drew more money than did "The Victims," and during the first two weeks of its run the receipts were many hundreds of dollars larger than any other two consecutive weeks of the present prosperous season. Yours very respectfully,

CHICAGO, May 25, 1873. BARTLEY CAMPBELL.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Paine and Tinker, the Eastern shots, left for their homes last evening, wiser and poorer men.

Richard Brown, the man who was crushed between two freight cars at the Eighteenth street depot on Saturday, died yesterday afternoon at his late residence, No. 632 South Union street. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

William Pinkerton, the detective, arrived in the city yesterday, after several months' absence in Europe, whither he went on criminal business of importance. It was mainly due to his skill that the Bank of England forgers were arrested.

There were seven violators of the 11 o'clock ordinance arrested on the North Side last night. During the day there was a general disobedience of the Sunday law, and in Capt. Gund's district twenty-five saloon-keepers are summoned to appear next Saturday.

A respectable German named Edward Olsson almost bled to death, from the nose, last night, at the Union Street Police Station. He was found by an officer in an almost lifeless condition, on Union street near Lake. Dr. Flemming, whose office is at the corner of Washington and Desplaines streets, was called in, and after a time stopped the flow of blood. Olsson, however, was unable to go home, and was kept in the station during the night.

Yesterday the saloon of Frank Schwehen, under the Globe Theatre, was kept open during the entire day. At 11 o'clock last night Officer Laughlin went in to arrest Schwehen. He seemed to labor under the mistaken supposition that the penalty was the same whether he offended the Sunday law or the 11 o'clock ordinance, and at first resisted arrest. A crowd of men in the saloon gathered around the officer and began to taunt and revile him for transcending, as they supposed, his authority. Boundsman Simmons, having anticipated some trouble there, arrived with three men soon after, and the saloon-keeper and all his customers were arrested.

PERSONAL.

Lieut.-Gov. Holt, of Michigan, has gone to Europe.

R. W. Thompson is now general managing attorney for the entire Vandalia line.

R. E. Trowbridge, ex-M. C., has taken up his residence on the farm of Senator Chandler, near Lansing, Mich.

The widow of Gen. R. E. Lee, an invalid for years, is about to visit her relative, Mrs. Fitzhugh, at Alexandria, Va.

Dr. H. T. Selby, for thirty years identified with the interests of Milwaukee, has taken up his residence in Chicago.

Tom Fletcher, late of the First National Bank, at Marshalltown, has been appointed Auditor of the Central Railroad of Iowa.

Ex-Judge Albert L. Baker, a member of the New York Constitutional Convention in 1846, died, last Thursday, in Buffalo, N. Y.

Col. Chas. P. Holcombe, formerly proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Alton, Ill., died last Wednesday evening, at Jerseyville.

Sam. Walker resigns a seat in the Kansas Senate (and a vote for United States Senator, next winter), to be City Marshal of Lawrence, Kans.

It is authoritatively rumored at Milwaukee, that Alex. Mitchell and S. S. Merrill are soon to retire from the St. Paul Road.—*La Crosse Democrat.*

Joaquin Miller has informed a Boston man that he is to be married soon to an English lady of fortune, the only daughter of Sir T. D. Hardy, of London.

John Teesdale, formerly of the *Iowa State Register*, leaves Harlan's Washington *Chronicle* and returns to Iowa without an office, and Saunders, of the Clinton paper, goes to Washington in his place.

John C. Burch, Comptroller of Tennessee and editor of the Nashville *Union and American*, is mentioned for the vacancy in the corporation of

lishing his second poem, "Urania," a mythological work quite familiar to lovers of Italian literature. In 1810 his "Imri Sacri" announced his renunciation of the liberal ideas he had caught up in Paris, and his conversion as a Catholic. From this date the romantic school of literature in Germany exercised a commanding influence in his work, and he was one of the first to introduce into Italy what English critics term the Gothic type of romance. Thus from the romantic, of which his "Conte di Carmognola" is an example, and which commanded the admiration of Goethe, he drifted naturally to the novel; itiwhich his first great success was won in 1827 in "I Promessi Sposi," a Milanese story of the seventeenth century. Having published this story, which American readers will remember as the "Betrothed Lovers," and which has been translated into all languages, to be admired by all the literary world, he renounced profane literature, and has, for the past thirty years, lived quietly at Brusano, near Milan.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

Attempt to Kill Col. Johnston at Fort Porter, by Dr. John S. Perkins.

From the Buffalo Commercial, May 25.

An affair took place at Fort Porter yesterday afternoon, the object of which has been to create no little excitement and speculation. The reporters up to the present writing have been unable to obtain full particulars, but such facts as could be learned are given below.

The main features of the affair are that Dr. John S. Perkins attempted to kill, by shooting, Col. R. E. Johnston, commander of the post. Dr. Perkins, a man about 50 years of age, was, until somewhere about two months since, acting as Hospital Steward at the fort, and also, as we understand, serving in the capacity of Assistant Surgeon. When the city authorities determined to appoint District City Physicians, he was named as one of them, whereupon he asked for and received his discharge from the service. Since then he has been attending to his duties as District Physician, and practising his profession in the city.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Dr. Perkins entered the fort and proceeded to the quarters of Col. Johnston, whereupon gentleman was seated alone. What transpired immediately after the two met we are not informed; but the Doctor handed the Colonel a letter, asking him to peruse it, as it contained somthing of interest to him (the Colonel). While the latter was reading the letter, he says, Dr. Perkins went behind him, drew a small revolver and fired at him, but missed. A second shot took effect in the left arm of the Colonel, near the elbow. The officer then ran from his quarters out upon the parade, pursued by his assailant, who fired three more shots, one of which struck him in the back, near the shoulder-blade.

At this time Capt. Tisdale—who had heard the firing from his room, adjoining that of Col. Johnston—and Lieut. Armstrong appeared upon the scene, when the former presented a revolver at the Doctor and compelled him to stop. It was found upon inspection that all the chambers in the revolver of Dr. Perkins—a small weapon of Smith & Wesson's make—had been discharged, save one, the cartridge in which missed fire.

Dr. Perkins was conveyed to the guard-house, where he was still confined this morning. Dr. Alden, the Surgeon of the post, was called to to dress the wounds of Col. Johnston, which are said not to be serious.

It is stated that the letter handed Col. Johnston by Dr. Perkins was an anonymous one, giving the latter to understand that the former had made improper advances towards his wife, etc. There were several rumors in regard to the affair, which it would not be proper to publish at this time, or before an investigation is had. The reporters were not allowed to see Dr. Perkins at the fort, and hence we are unable to give his version of the matter.

It was stated to our reporter this morning, by a member of the police force, that in the course of the shooting Col. Johnston had fired two shots at Dr. Perkins.

Col. Johnston was unable to leave his quarters this morning, but sent for Deputy United States Marshal Toles, and made a formal complaint. A warrant was procured, and Dr. Perkins will be handed over to the custody of the Marshal, and taken before United States Commissioner Scroggs for examination this afternoon at 3 o'clock, on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. As the alleged offense was committed within grounds under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government, the case must of course come before the United States Court.

LATER—A STATEMENT FROM DR. PERKINS.

Since the above was written, we have received a note from Dr. Perkins, written at the fort guard-house this morning and handed us by Detective Battel. After stating that he went to the fort for the purpose of upbraiding Col. Johnston for having dishonored him (Dr. P.) as a husband, of which he claims to have the most positive proof, Dr. Perkins says: "The moment that I made my errand known, he attempted to draw his pistol. Seeing that I likewise had one, he turned and ran. After I had discharged my pistol, he turned and fired at me, also discharging his." His statement to the reporter of the *Express*, that his pistol was hanging in another room, is false."

There are other statements in the note of Dr. Perkins, embodying serious charges against Col. Johnston, but these we do not think is advisable to make public, at this time, at least.

In justice to Col. Johnston it should be stated that he pronounces the accusation of improper intimacy with the wife of Dr. Perkins utterly without foundation in truth.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Providence (R. I.) *Herald* is dead.

—Real estate operations at Indianapolis, in April, $3,464,007.

—Sandwich (Ill.) has put the price of liquor licenses at $500, and only one will be taken.

—A San Francisco house has shipped 33,000 pounds California cotton to England in the ship Ontario. This is the first shipment of any amount thence of the article to the English market.

—The Maryland Historical Society is of the opinion that Philadelphia belongs to Maryland. We thought everybody knew who owns Philadelphia. It's Simon Cameron's, except Billy McMullen's ward.

—The Tiffin (Ohio) *Advertiser* says: "Some papers still talk about the New York & Chicago Air-Line Railway. It is as mythical as the railroad to the moon."

—Murderers have had a run of very bad luck in California. Mortimer is the fifth criminal who has suffered the penalty of death within a few weeks, and as many more are under sentence of death.

—Long Branch is gradually being swallowed up by the sea. Ten or fifteen feet more of the bluff went last winter. At this rate it will not take many more seasons to reach the hotels and villas.

—The Muskegon (Mich.) "salt well" has reached a depth of 1,900 feet, with no indications that the enterprise will be successful. The project will be abandoned, if unsuccessful, when the depth of 2,000 feet is reached.

—The lease of the Northern Central Railroad from Elmira via Harrisburg to Baltimore, to the Pennsylvania Railroad, may be considered a fixed fact, notwithstanding the proposed lease was violently opposed by the Baltimore interest.

—There is a nice boy at Sparta, Wis. He amused his leisure hours by boring a hole through the dam just to see the water spirt. In fifteen hours after he had started the leak the dam had given way, carrying off a valuable mill. What a flogging that boy would have got in ancient Sparta!

—A Racine fisherman, named Schenkenberger, having lost about fifty nets during the past winter through the severing of the buoy lines by ice, one day last week dropped his grappling-iron in the locality where they had been set. He was not only successful in recovering about forty of them, but has undoubtedly located the whereabouts of the sunken steamer Lac La Belle, for entangled in the nets were found a bed spread and iron hand-railing known to have belonged to the boat. The place where the nets were found is about fifteen miles due east from Racine.

—Soldiers who served in the war against Mexico purpose holding a national convention, in Washington, on Jan. 15, 1874, to prepare a joint memorial to Congress for a pension to the survivors of the Mexican War, at the same rate allowed by act granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the War of 1812; also to adopt measures looking to a national brotherhood of the survivors, and a general assemblage on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the nation's birthday, at Philadelphia, July 4, 1876.

—The porter of a Detroit store heard a voice in the alley as he was locking up the other night, and he investigated to find that an old man had taken possession of a hogshead for the night, and that he was praying. The old fellow's petition went right to the heart of the porter, and he called him out, questioned him, and finally gave him a dollar. He went to the front of the store to lock it, and while he was gone the hogshead man stole his new coat and a pair of boots and made good his escape.

—That is a singular view which is taken by a Baltimore lawyer of a mania for poisoning. He thinks that when a man or woman poisons a human being without detection, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the poisoner becomes insane. His reasoning is that one successful crime of this sort begets such a sense of power and ability to remove at will every human obstacle, so blunting, at the same time, the sympathies, "that in nearly every case the mind becomes warped, and the prisoner is ready with the deadly draught to avenge the most trifling disrespect or wrong." Let those who think of poisoning anybody take warning.

—A tough California miner named Smith fell into a flume in which 1,400 inches of water was running, and was washed down stream, through a tunnel, for a distance of 1,000 feet. He then went down a "jump off" a perpendicular distance of fifteen feet, and was then washed several hundred feet farther to the end of the flume. He then fell a distance of thirty-six feet on the boulders. He was not hurt, but maybe he wasn't mad.

Miscellaneous Advertisements

DEATHS.

WIEDHOFFT—At the residence of her parents, corner of Dunning-st. and Sheffield-av., Alice Mell Wiedhoff, aged 5 years.

Funeral services at 2 o'clock to-day, before leaving, by carriages, for Rosehill Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

NEWTON—Elliot Newton, in the 65th year of his age. The funeral will take place May 26, at 7 o'clock, at No. 3 Noble-st.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

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